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GST COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER RISE 10 PER CENT TO ₹1.64 LAKH CRORE

Continuing the upward trend, GST collections rose about 10% to ₹1.64 lakh crore in December 2023 compared to ₹1.49 lakh crore a year ago

MOP-UP UP 12% IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS

During the April-December 2023 period, gross Goods and Services Tax collection witnessed a robust 12% growth, reaching ₹14.97 lakh crore against ₹13.40 lakh crore in the same period of the previous year, the Union finance ministry said on Monday. The average monthly gross GST collection for the first nine months of FY24 saw a 12% growth from a year ago, it added

GST GROWTH FLAT IN THREE STATES

- The government has settled ₹40,057 crore to CGST and ₹33,652 crore to SGST from IGST, the finance ministry said. The total revenue of the Centre and states in December 2023 after the regular settlement is ₹70,501 crore for CGST and ₹71,587 crore for the SGST, it added | P13
- Rajasthan, C'garh & J'khand showed no growth in GST collections

₹160L cr

THIS IS THE 7TH MONTH THIS YEAR THAT MOP-UP EXCEEDED THIS LEVEL

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

MLA quits amid buzz on Soren's wife joining fray

CM prepares for possible arrest by ED, starts grooming Kalpana to step into his shoes

Hemant Soren

Kalpana Soren

Sarfaraz Ahmed

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN what could be the precursor for Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren anticipating his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate and preparing his wife Kalpana to step into his shoes, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MLA Sarfaraz Ahmed quietly vacated his Gandey seat on Sunday.

Speculation is rife that Kalpana may contest from Gandey, a general seat. Though she belongs to a scheduled tribe community, she cannot contest from a reserved tribal seat because she hails from Odisha. Her sister-in-law Sita Soren is already facing litigation as she won a reserved tribal seat in the assembly elections, though she too hails from Odisha.

"Since she hails from from Odisha, Kalpana is said to be not entitled to fight from a reserved ST seat in Jharkhand. Gandey, a general seat, might be a safe constituency for her," said political experts.

Sarfaraz represented Gandey in 1980 and 2009 as Congress MLA and in 2019 as JMM MLA. His resignation letter did not cite any reason. it was accepted the same day but the notification was issued on Monday. He was not available for comment.

Just the other day, the ED had its seventh and last summons to Soren to appear for questioning in the land scam case. It gave him the liberty to decide the date, time and venue for the questioning and directed him to respond in writing within two days. He chose not to respond. Jharkhand Congress president Rajesh Thakur called it part of the state government's strategy to deal with any untoward political situation in the state.

Kalpana, 48, hails from a business family in Mayurbhanj district in Odisha. Ever since Soren's name appeared in the office-of-profit scam last year, Kalpana has been accompanying him to different programmes inside and outside Jharkhand, seen as part of her grooming exercise. Kalpana is a business woman and runs a private school and several other businesses. She takes keen interest in women empowerment and events organised for children.

Speaker accepts it

Assembly Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto did not find it necessary to ask three-time MLA Sarfaraz Ahmed why he put in his papers before accepting it

Mysuru sculptor's Ram Lalla to be installed in Ayodhya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CITY-based sculptor Arun Yogiraj's Ram Lalla idol has been chosen for installation at Ayodhya's Ram Temple during the auspicious 'Prana Prathistapana Muhurtham' on January 22.

Of the three idols shortlisted, the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust on Monday selected Yogiraj's Ram Lalla through voting, according to his family members here.

Yogiraj used a unique Krishna shila (stone) from Bujjegoudanapura village in HD Kote taluk of Mysuru district to sculpt the idol along with his team.

Yogiraj hails from a family of sculptors in Mysuru and he belongs to the fifth generation.

One of the most sought after sculptors in the country, Yogiraj sculpted the 30-foot statue of Subhash Chandra Bose installed at Amar Jawan Jyoti behind India Gate in New Delhi. He is also known for his works such as the 12-foot statue of Adi Shankaracharya in Kedarnath, 21-foot statue of Lord Hanuman at Chunchanakatte in Mysuru district, 15-foot statue of Dr BR Ambedkar and the statue of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahamsa in Mysuru.

Yogiraj's wife Vijetha, who expressed her happiness for the selection of her husband's Ram Lalla, told *The New Indian Express* that he has been working tirelessly for the past six months. "He did not even meet me or other members of our family during this period. We feel very happy that his work has been selected," she said.

Many prominent leaders from Mysuru and politicians have congratulated Yogiraj on his achievement.

Sharing his happiness on 'X', Yediyurappa said, "The idol of Lord Rama sculpted by Arun Yogiraj of Mysuru has been selected for installation in the magnificent Sri Rama Mandir of Ayodhya, which has doubled the pride and happiness of entire Rama devotees of the state. Heartfelt congratulations to 'Shilpi @yogiraj_arun'."

Yediyurappa's son and BJP state president BY Vijayendra too hailed Yogiraj for making the state and Mysuru proud. "It is the pride of Mysuru, the pride of Karnataka that the idol of Ram Lalla carved by Arun Yogiraj will be enshrined in Ayodhya on January 22," Vijayendra said.

MP PC Mohan and former minister B Sreeramulu also congratulated Yogiraj on social media. CONTINUED ON: P4

> **I am happy that I was among the three sculptors from the country selected to carve the idol of Ram Lalla. More than selection, people should appreciate it. Only then, I will be happy**
>
> Arun Yogiraj, sculptor

People on a street damaged by a massive earthquake in Wajima, Ishikawa prefecture in Japan on Monday. It triggered a tsunami | AP

Quake triggers tsunami in Japan

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

JAPAN on Monday was hit by a series of strong earthquakes on its western coast with one in the magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter scale, triggering tsunamis of three-metres high at its coastal areas.

The quake struck near Ishikawa Prefecture's Noto Peninsula. Many houses were damaged in the areas impacted by the quake. Rescue operations are underway.

Japan urged its citizens living near coastal areas to move to higher ground. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida advised people to follow evacuation orders closely. Bullet train services have been halted.

Local media reported that two people may have died and at least six others are trapped inside a collapsed building in Ishikawa Prefecture.

Japan's meteriological department said earthquakes with similar intensity was a possibility for a week. Tsunami warnings have been issued for the prefectures of Ishikawa, Niigata, Toyama, Yamagata, Fukui and Hyogo — all on the Sea of Japan.

There are many nuclear power plants in the affected areas, but no one has reported any damage. Highways are shut near the epicentre of the quake and more than 36,000 houses are without power.

In 2011, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake in Japan triggered a tsunami and killing 18,000 people and displacing many.

The Indian Embassy in Tokyo set up an emergency control room. It's helpline numbers are +81-80-3930-1715 (Yakub Topno), +81-70-1492-0049 (Ajay Sethi), +81-80-3214-4734 (D N Barnwal), +81-80- 6229-5382 (S Bhattacharya) and +81-80-3214-4722 (Vivek Rathore). The embassy also provided two email ids — sscons.tokyo@mea.gov.in and offfseco.tokyo@mea.gov.in. P12

Warning for NK & Russia

Tsunami warnings were also issued for parts of North Korea and Russia. In nearby South Korea, the weather agency urged residents to watch for changes in sea levels

FUEL CELL POWER SYSTEM

ISRO FIRES INDIA'S SPACE STATION DREAM

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Sriharikota

WHILE all eyes were set on the launch of XPoSat, India's first dedicated satellite to study blackholes, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday hit another important milestone. The space agency successfully tested the Fuel Cell Power System (FCPS) developed by the Kerala-based Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). This takes India a step closer to realising the country's ambition to establish the Indian Space Station.

FCPS, a 100W payload, was flown out along with nine other payloads, in the fourth stage of the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 (POEM3) rocket, utilised by ISRO as a test bed.

The most significant payload of the lot, FCPS generates electricity to be used as a power source for the space station and also produces potable water as a byproduct, which would quench the thirst of the astronauts at the station.

VSSC Director S Unnikrishnan Nair told *TNIE* that this is the first time ISRO has experimented with fuel cells in space. "Oxygen and hydrogen stored under high pressure are passed through the fuel cell assembly, which spurs a chemical reaction that produces power and pure drinking water as a byproduct," he said.

"Having a water source on-board is a must when it comes to space stations. Fuel cells are ideal for both power generation and producing water. The 100W FCPS has been a success. We wanted to see how it performs in a weightless environment, in the presence of radiation and under extreme temperatures. The entire system worked as intended. We have plans to build a 100kW FCPS in the near future," Nair said.

Second after United States

With ISRO's XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) in orbit, India has become the second country following the United States to have a dedicated satellite to study X-ray polarisation | P5

ISRO's PSLV-C58, carrying the X-ray Polarimeter satellite and 10 other payloads, lifts off from Sriharikota | ISRO

1992 RIOT ACCUSED

HINDU ACTIVISTS FUME OVER ARREST

Srikant Poojary was arrested by the Hubballi-Dharwad police over violence in Hubballi in the aftermath of the Babri Masjid demolition. Hindu activists have questioned the timing of the arrest, with the Ram temple in Ayodhya set to be thrown | P4

CBI notice: BJP trying to end my political career, says DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday alleged that some BJP leaders are trying to finish him off politically as the CBI has issued a notice to him in connection with the Disproportionate Asset (DA) case despite the Congress government withdrawing the permission given to it to probe him.

"Even after the government's withdrawal of permission given to the CBI, notices have been issued to several people and organisations, including a cooperative society, headed by me. I don't understand their objective. But it looks like they are hatching a conspiracy to trouble me and my party. This is an attempt by the BJP leaders to finish me off politically," he told reporters in reply to a query on CBI serving him the notice with regard to his alleged investment in a Kerala-based private TV channel.

He said the CBI probe has been transferred to the Lokayukta after the High Court of Karnataka approved withdrawal of permission given to the CBI. CONTINUED ON: P5

Money deducted from FASTag accounts even when vehicles not on roads

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

MANY vehicle users in Bengaluru, who have purchased FASTag, a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag, for quick toll payment on national highways, now have a reason to worry.

Of late, they have been getting messages from banks stating that small sums of money have been deducted from their accounts at toll gates although they haven't travelled that particular day!

Rs30 paid at Banglaore-Nelamangala Plaza(GEO Coordinates 13.090678,77.399788) of [redacted] on 19/12/23 09:07:35. Balance Rs 4039 Txn ID: FT23353092757142 Explore more @airtelin/bankhome

A message stating that money has been deducted from a motorist's FASTag

Among those who have received such messages is Arvind PS Tiwari, a marketing manager with a private company. "I usually go to bed by 10pm and one fine morning, I got a message from my bank stating that Rs 30 has been paid at Plaza1@ km 14825 at 11.35 pm with my vehicle number, which has the ICICI Bank Fastag. My vehicle was at my house in Kempapura that night," he told *TNIE*.

KN Shivaram Krishna, a senior manager with a private company, said he was on his way to office when he got a message that Rs 30 was paid at Bengaluru-Nelamangala toll plaza on December 19. "My vehicle was at my home in Abbigere from where I was going to my workspot. Some plazas charge up to Rs 200 for permitting vehicles to pass through. I was worried if bigger amounts could get deducted in future," he added. CONTINUED ON: P5

EXPRESS READ

Woman jumps on track, Metro ops hit

Bengaluru: Metro train operations of the Purple Line came to a halt for 15 minutes when a woman jumped onto the electrified tracks at Indiranagar station around 6.40 pm to retrieve her mobile phone that she had dropped on the tracks. Metro staffers immediately switched off power supply. The woman will be caught whenever she enters any of our stations, an official said. P3

Three shot dead in Manipur

Imphal: Three persons were shot dead and five others injured in Manipur's Thoubal district on Monday evening, following which curfew was reimposed in the five valley districts of the state. Unidentified gunmen arrived in camouflage dresses in the Lilong Chingjao area, and opened fire targeting locals. While three people died on the spot, five others were injured, officials said.

NOTCHING UP A PEG

Don't scorn at govt liquor shops, this MSIL boutique as 'high'-end as it gets

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a first, the Karnataka government has opened a premium liquor boutique at Basaveshwara Nagar in Bengaluru on par with high-end private outlets. This is an upgraded version of the existing MSIL outlet.

According to an official from MSIL, this liquor boutique will have all brands under one roof. The government has plans to open 200 such outlets across the state, including 20 in Bengaluru. "The ambience gives a sense of luxury liquor outlet with trained staff to attend to customers," he said.

Manojkumar, MD of MSIL, who launched the premium outlet on Thimmaiah Road in Basaveshwara Nagar, said the outlet has been designed keeping in mind the contemporary trends to provide a better customer experience.

"This is part of MSIL's plan to expand its market share by reaching out to a wider range of customers by making available premium liquor brands at its retail outlets," he said.

Customers can choose from a wide range of brands at the boutique opened in Basaveshwara Nagar in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

LIQUOR WORTH ₹3K CR SOLD IN DEC

The Excise Department registered liquor sale of Rs 3,000 crore in December 2023, which is Rs 400 crore more than the corresponding month last year. The average monthly liquor sale in the state is around Rs 2,500 crore.

Similar boutiques will be opened on Dr Rajkumar Road, RPC Layout and Vijayanagar in Bengaluru in the coming days. Work on upgrading MSIL outlets at Shivananda Circle, Varthur, Kengeri Upanagar, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Hanumanth Nagar, and Doddanekkelli. These outlets are expected to be reopened within a few months, Manoj said.

MSIL owns 1,029 liquor outlets across the state. The plan to upgrade 200 outlets has been finalised under the guidance of Industries Minister MB Patil who is also the chairman of MSIL, to provide customers an experience similar to what they get in malls. Outlets being upgraded will be given a corporate touch, Manojkumar said.

He said MSIL's aim is to increase its transaction by around 40% to touch Rs 4,000 crore during the current year.

In addition to refurbishing the liquor outlets, MSIL aims to achieve a target of Rs 10,000 crore transaction through chit fund. It also has plans to open franchise outlets to sell stationery items and launch 10 mega pharmacy stores.

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ALMANAC TODAY
Tuesday: 02/01/2024 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Hiramtha • Masa: Margashira • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Shashti 2.11 pm • Nakshatra: Purvapalguni 9.40 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy
MIN 15°C | MAX 28°C
Sunrise 6.42 am | Sunset 6.04 pm | Moonrise 11.20 pm | Moonset 11.08 am

● 330 MOTORISTS BOOKED FOR DRUNK DRIVING ● MILD LATHICHARGE ON BRIGADE, MG ROADS

NYE PEACEFUL IN CITY, BUT FOR FEW STRAY INCIDENTS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BARRING a few stray incidents on Brigade Road and MG Road, the New Year revelry was near peaceful across the city. The police resorted to a mild lathicharge to disperse the crowd on these two roads, the epicentre of celebrations in Bengaluru. Traffic movement on stretches adjoining these roads was affected for a few hours after midnight.

A person from Mandya, who misbehaved with a woman, was taken into custody. After the woman complained about the accused, the police immediately picked him up. In another incident, when a man misbehaved with a woman, her boyfriend started beating him up.

At one of the pubs in Koramangala, a person started fighting with the management for not playing a Kannada song, and the police intervened to pacify him.

A pickpocket was caught red-handed by the public and was handed over to the police at the Church Street junction. The police found a mobile phone on him and the device was returned to the owner. The pickpocket was taken into custody. Some miscreants, wearing face masks, tried to misbehave with women near the Church Street junction. The police stopped all of them and made them remove the masks.

A Kerala police officer's son is also said to have been attacked near a pub in Koramangala. The person, identified as Stalin, had come to the city to celebrate New Year. He partied with his group of friends at a pub on Hosur Road. While coming out, two of his friends allegedly touched a woman standing outside the pub. The woman's friends started fighting with the duo. When Stalin intervened, he was said to have been attacked and his teeth damaged. When the police came to the spot, Stalin claimed that he is the son of a superintendent of police in Kerala. The Adugodi police are looking into the matter.

The city traffic police booked 330 motorists who were found driving under the influence of alcohol on Sunday night and early Monday morning. The traffic police checked over 7,620 vehicles across the city.

Till midnight on Sunday, one fatal and 10 non-fatal accidents were reported. On Monday between midnight and 7 am, three fatal accidents were reported.

Students spend time at a gaushala in Koramangala on New Year's Eve

> On December 31, to send a message to youths to begin their New Year meaningfully, we roped in volunteers to visit the gaushala and spend time with rescued cows
>
> Amit Amarnath, Youth For Parivathan

Youngsters welcome NY with rescued animals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ABOUT 150 volunteers and animal lovers on Sunday began 2024 with a message of human-animal bonding, holding Gau Puja and offering fodder to 1,200 cows in Koramangala on Sunday.

Noorain Fathima, a student from Oxford Engineering College and a volunteer with the NGO Youth For Parivathan said, "On December 31, most youngsters party and some end up in trouble. We sent a message that the same time and resources can be used for better social causes. I have been volunteering for social causes since last year and instead of going out and partying on New Year's Eve, some of my college friends and I decided to spend time in the gaushala to know how the animals are rescued. I what to feed them and take care of them," said Fathima.

Amit Amarnath, founder of the NGO, stated that students and youths are used by NGOs for cleanliness drives on different occasions. "On December 31, to send a message to youths to begin their New Year meaningfully, we roped in volunteers from Kumarans' school and Oxford Engineering College to visit the gaushala and spend time with rescued cows and know their behaviour as the animal is an integral part of our life," said Amarnath.

Sunil Duggar, who runs Akhila Karnataka Prani Daya Sangha, Koramangala, said most of the cows here are rescued. The challenges about protection of cows, awareness among people about cow protection laws, sentiments attached to cows and others were informed to youngsters.

POST NY REVELRY, BBMP COLLECTS 8 TONNES OF WASTE FROM CBD

Just four hours after the New Year celebrations ended, roads in the city's Central Business District (CBD) — MG Road, Brigade Road, Commercial Street, St Mark's Road and Church Street — were strewn with eight tonnes of solid waste and useless material. BBMP deployed a team of staffers to clear it. The CBD had seen celebrations through Sunday evening and well past midnight. Anticipating that the roads would be littered with waste, an SWM team and machinery was deployed. More than 80 pourakarmikas and three supervisors started cleaning up at 3.30am Monday and completed work around 8am. The work was handled by the solid waste department of Shantinagar division. Tonnes of waste was cleared from the streets and the roads were cleaned up to enable smooth traffic movement in the morning. According to officials, one waste-collecting compactor and seven auto tippers were pressed into service to collect the waste. Plastic covers, plastic waste, slippers, glass bottles and other items were thrown on the roads and footpaths. About two tonnes of waste was sent to dry waste collection centres for reuse. **ENS**

Guest lecturers embark on a padayatra to Bengaluru from the Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru on Monday. They are seeking regularisation of their jobs | KPN

Guest lecturers march to B'luru, govt explores options to run classes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tumakuru

THOUSANDS of guest lecturers working in government first grade colleges across the state launched their three-day 'padayatra' to Bengaluru from Siddaganga Mutt here on Monday, demanding regularisation of their services.

Mutt head Sri Siddalinga Swamiji flagged off the padayatra and expressed solidarity with them. He urged the government to resolve their issues, including their key demand of job regularisation.

Before embarking on the 80-km 'padayatra', the guest lecturers performed pooja at the 'gadduge' (holy tomb) of Sri Shivakumar Swamiji and sought blessings. Led by their state president Hanmanthgouda Kalmani and district president Dr Dharmaveera, the lecturers will gather for a rally at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on January 4.

Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council and Karnataka West Teachers' constituency MLC Basavaraj Horatti met the guest lecturers at the toll gate here and promised them of taking up the issue with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the earliest.

On Friday, Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar held a meeting with the guest lecturers and announced several initiatives, including hike in their remuneration by Rs 5,000, health insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh, one paid leave per month and Rs 5 lakh as retirement benefit for those who have served for ten years. He had appealed to the lecturers to attend classes from Monday.

But not convinced by this, the lecturers continued with their strike. On Monday, the minister held a meeting with officials of the department and discussed finding out alternatives as the strike has been affecting students. Over 30,000 aspirants had applied for the guest lecturers' posts of which about 10,500 were selected and the government has a plan to hire those who were missed out during the counselling to ensure that classes are run hassle free. The principals concerned have submitted their report on the guest lecturers who did not turn up for classes. Fearing that they will be axed, some of the lecturers, about 30 per cent, had attended classes on Monday, according to sources.

KSRTC hands out ₹1cr compensation to families of deceased employees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has concluded the 'Labour Welfare Year' in 2023, introducing programmes aimed at enhancing the well-being of its workforce. In 2023, Rs 1 crore each was given as a relief to the families of the deceased employees. On Monday, Rs 1 crore compensation each was distributed to three families.

The corporation has also increased the accident compensation for passengers from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

To boost its existing fleet, KSRTC has added 2,000 new vehicles including Ambari Utsav, Airavata Club Class, Pallakki, Point-to-Point new design buses and electric buses. The 'Namma Cargo' parcel services will be scaled up from existing 20 trucks to 500 by year-end. The corporation also aims to refurbish 1,000 old vehicles along with the introduction of modern IT solutions, including a Vehicle Tracking and Monitoring System (VTMS) and a dedicated mobile app, said a press release from the bus corporation on Monday.

Additionally, scholarship amount for children was increased and new courses were added with about 3,345 children receiving scholarships under the 'Vidya Chetana Yojana'. Rs 1.67 crore scholarship is distributed till date, the release said.

In a bid to prioritize the health of its employees, the corporation has partnered with the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology for heart-related tests to be conducted annually, and has reserved Rs 2.55 crore for this purpose.

KSRTC also waived 10,364 disciplinary cases against employees with minimum penalty, and has allowed 425 drivers to come back to work. It further said that the bus corporation have won 50 national and international awards in the year 2023.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy hands over cheques for Rs 1 crore each to the families of KSRTC employees, at the KSRTC head office on Monday

EXPRESS READ

Liquor worth Rs 3k cr sold in Dec, highest in 2023

Bengaluru:L The state Excise Department registered the highest liquor sale of Rs 3,000 crore in December 2023 compared to the average monthly liquor sale of around Rs 2,500 crore. December's sale is also Rs 400 crore more than the corresponding month last year. According to an official, 64.35 lakh cases of Indian Made Liquor (IML) and 41.76 lakh cases of beer were sold in December 2023. In December last year, 63 lakh cases of IML and 36.03 lakh boxes of beer were sold. Each case contains 8.64 litres to nine litres of liquor. **ENS**

BBMP sends notices to 6L property tax defaulters

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WITH nearly six lakh people yet to pay their property tax that totals up to Rs 500 crore, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has started cracking the whip to get them to clear their dues immediately.

The Palike had earlier issued notices to all those who have not paid their property tax, and has now starting sending them messages warning of consequences if the arrears are not cleared promptly.

Owners of many properties, who have not yet paid their tax arrears, have received SMSes from the civic body warning of sealing or confiscation of assets, seizure of enumeration certificate issued by the sub-registrar and filing of criminal cases if tax arrears are not paid to the municipality.

For more details, the civic body also shared a link -- https://bbmptax.karnataka.govin — through which the tax can be paid. The BBMP stated that owners may also contact the local ward or ward-level Assistant Revenue Officer's office and settle the arrears to avoid punitive action against them.

Earlier, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said there are 19 lakh properties in the civic body, but only around 15 lakh owners have paid the taxes.

He had also set weekly collection targets for officials from all the 63 revenue subdivisions.

These measures are being taken as the BBMP has set a target to collect Rs 4,189 crore in the financial year 2023-2024. And with just three months left for the financial year to end, it wants to achieve the target. In 2022-2023, the Palike had collected a whopping Rs 3,339 crore.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02ND January: Many people don't realise it, but it's possible to see planets during the day. A few years ago, an amateur astronomer I know was able to observe both Venus and Jupiter in broad daylight. You can do it too, although it's easier at night. You just need to know where to look, a good pair of binoculars - and a steady eye.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your heart may tell you one thing, your head another. You may feel like losing yourself in the crowd, but you seem to have an overwhelming compulsion to push forward and take the lead. If you take a risk, on your own head be it: you can't expect other people to pick up the pieces!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Now is your chance to get down to basics. I say that because planets in illuminating and inspired regions of your chart are showing you the way forward. News from overseas or far away may alter travel or family plans; perhaps because you'll see that a proposal might no longer work.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Circumstances at work could be hard to grasp, but it may be the financial angle which is most pressing. If you have heard unfortunate news about a purchase or investment, then it might still be possible to snatch a major victory from the jaws of defeat.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Any confusion or doubt that has been clouding your mind should now be completely dispelled. An obstacle could be blown out of the water and you should soon be completely free. Yet liberty, the philosophers tell us, is a terrifying thing, mainly because suddenly there's a world of choice opening out before you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Swift action is vital, so no wasting time, please. You may do best to bring partners in on the act as quickly as you can, bearing in mind that a recently completed arrangement could have a great many rough ends to smooth out. Perhaps there are other people who can help with the loose details.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The overwhelming planetary influence is on leisure and self-indulgence, intermingled with the odd cultural delight. Younger relatives may be in need of sympathy and support, so do your best. It actually makes you feel warm inside when you see how much people you love value your advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Difficulties in a family or romantic relationship may have surfaced without warning. Many of you will be much too busy coping with life's essential tasks to bother with other people's inflated egos. Perhaps it's time to stand back and leave someone to take responsibility for their own affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
A recent argument or difference of opinion will be overtaken by events. Home and family pressures may rightly occupy much more of your time, so you might have to turn down one or two social possibilities. However, if a cancellation is necessary, make sure that you don't give the wrong impression.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may pursue any thoughts or proposals which will help you to deal with material problems. It may be another few days before you can see your way clearly through a financial or economic minefield. Once you've seen the future, you may realise that only radical and far-reaching solutions will work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
If you are reeling under the force of events, you're nicely in tune with your stars. The current solar-lunar alignment challenges you to make a clean sweep, put the past behind you and straighten out relationships with people who should know better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your sensitive skills may be much undervalued, but anyone who knows what's good for them will listen intently to your special insights. Don't be blown off course by suspicions which are almost certainly unfounded, and which have nothing to do with you in any case!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may be quite justifiably hurt or upset by others' unsympathetic attitude. However, you are capable of giving as good as you get, and you might even be the cause of one or two social disturbances. You may soon convince other people that you are not to be messed around.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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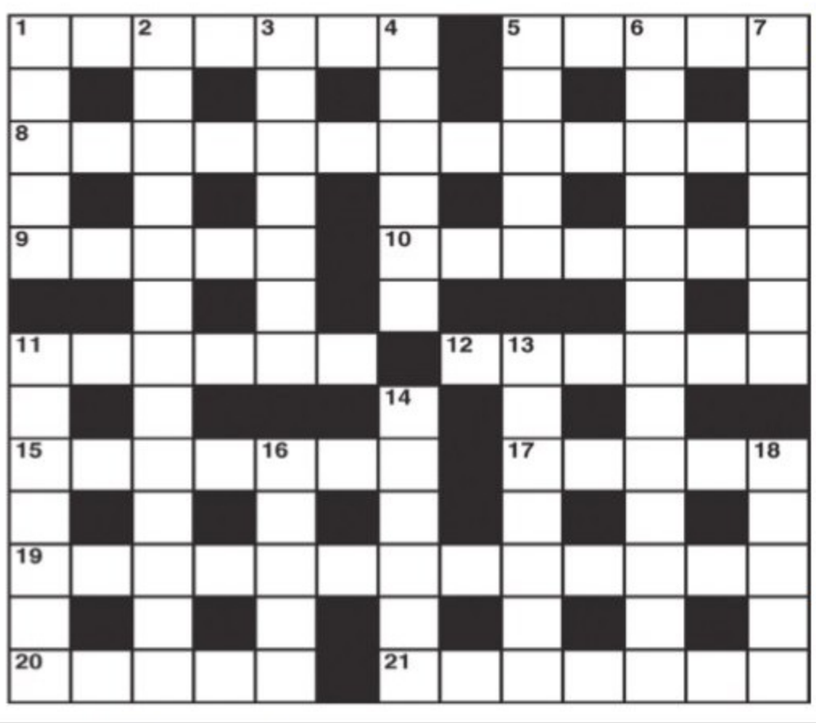
SUDOKU MEDIUM

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Comply with notice (7)
5 Athlete suffers reverse in the preliminaries (5)
8 36 holes of golf in rotation? (5,3,5)
9 Silas shows fibre when in trouble (5)
10 The case of the broken latches (7)
11 It's a big step to take (6)
12 Complained when I'd gone out (6)
15 You'll find prices constantly rising at it (7)
17 Riding school tumble? (5)
19 Keen traveller not to be picked up by drivers (3,3,3,4)
20 Out of sorts in examination year (5)
21 He does nothing to express his complaints (7)

DOWN

1 Giants in the gorse perhaps (5)
2 Crowd in rows to see a game (6,7)
3 A cleric angered about being questioned (7)
4 Hemingway and Sterne novel (6)
5 Be entitled to credit (5)
6 The target in the comedian's repertoire (8,5)
7 Run down a broken ladder with a key (7)
11 It gives ships loading room to spare maybe (7)
13 French arrogance (7)
14 Joins one in new tunes (6)
16 Key material for piano maker (5)
18 House doctor out at sea (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Flock, 8 Sign post, 9 Event, 10 Comedian, 11 End up, 12 Tar, 16 Reede, 17 Astray, 18 Awn, 23 Birth, 24 Counters, 25 Piton, 26 Landlady, 27 Agate.

Down: 2 Lavender, 3 Censured, 4 Nicola, 5 Enter, 6 Colin, 7 Stink, 12 Tea, 13 Ran, 14 Striking, 15 Last post, 19 Worlds, 20 Scale, 21 Turns, 22 Stall.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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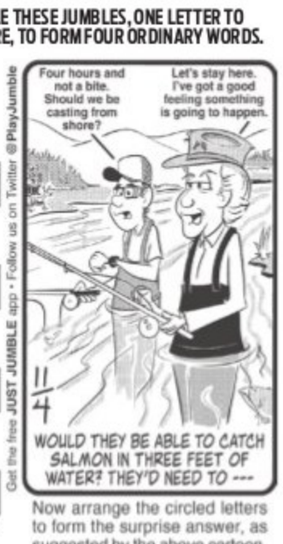
Four hours and not a bite. Should we be casting from shore?
Let's stay here. I've got a good feeling something is going to happen.
11/4
WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO CATCH SALMON IN THREE FEET OF WATER? THEY'D NEED TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TIGER OXBOW MANAGE EQUATE
Answer: Groucho's "I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member" was in — QUOTATION "MARX"

A man's nose was bitten by his friend after a fight broke out among them during New Year's Eve celebration at Pilya in Belthangady taluk of Dakshina Kannada on Sunday night. The accused, Rakesh bit off a part of Deekshith's nose after a fight. The duo were under the influence of alcohol.

Woman jumps on to Metro tracks to pick up mobile at Indiranagar stn

Staff switch off power; Train ops on Purple Line grind to halt for 15 mins during peak hour

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A woman waiting on platform 1 of Indiranagar Metro Station accidentally dropped her mobile on the rail tracks on Monday evening. She instinctively jumped on to the electrified tracks to retrieve it. On noticing this, Metro staffers immediately switched off power supply, which led to train operations coming to a halt for 15 minutes during peak hour. It affected thousands of commuters on the Purple Line.

A S Shankar, executive director, Operations and Maintenance, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited told *TNIE*, "A woman waiting at Indiranagar Metro Station platform 1, going towards Baiyappanahalli, dropped her phone around 6.40pm. She decided to pick it up before the train arrived, and jumped after it. She grabbed her phone but could not climb back, and other commuters had to help her back on to the platform. A Metro official on the platform pressed the emergency trip system which cuts off power supply to the tracks."

Representative pic

Train operations halted

Due to power disruption, train operations came to a halt.

"It was peak evening hour and the disruption was roughly between 6.40pm and 6.55pm. It caused crowding at stations on the Purple Line and Kempegowda Interchange Station.

Narayanan Murthy, a commuter on his way to Magadi Road from Cubbon Park, said, "I had to wait for 20 minutes at Cubbon Park to catch a train. It was peak evening hour and I've never had to wait like this. We were told to alight at Kempegowda Interchange Station and take the next train. There was a huge crowd there."

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said, "This is a freak incident. The tracks are powered by the Third Rail running along the track, carrying 750 Volts. It was a smart action by our staffer who noticed the woman jumping down, that saved her life. No one is allowed anywhere near the tracks as it is highly dangerous."

In the commotion that ensued at Indiranagar station, the woman managed to slip away. "Our CCTV has captured her face and action. She will be caught whenever she enters any of our stations in future," Shankar said.

The first Amrit Bharat Superfast Express for Karnataka chugged into Platform 1 of the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappannahalli on Monday | EXPRESS

Amrit Bharat Express chugs into SMVT from Malda

The first Amrit Bharat Superfast Express for Karnataka chugged into Platform 1 of the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappannahalli at 7.40 pm on Monday. The Malda Town-SMVT Bengaluru Weekly Amrit Bhhat Express (13433) was flagged off on December 30 at Malda in West Bengal virtually by PM Modi. The special features of this fully non-AC train are 130 kmph speed potential, aerodynamically designed locomotives (WAP-5) on the front and rear end to facilitate quicker acceleration and deceleration (Push-Pull system), in-built ramp in the differently abled coach, mobile holder near its charging point and a compact drinking bottle holder. The orange-hued non-AC train is manufactured at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, has 22 rakes with a seating capacity of 1,834 with 12 three-tier second class sleeper coaches, eight general second class coaches and 2 second class sitting for disabled-cum-luggage vans.

EXPRESS READ

City saw 880 fatal accidents in 2023

Bengaluru: City's traffic police have collected a fine amount of Rs 184.83 crores for various traffic violations in 2023. Last year, the traffic police booked around 7,055 drunk and driving cases. Accidents, as a result of driving while drunk is around 16. Details pertaining to the traffic police wing for last year was released on Monday. The city witnessed 880 fatal accidents in which 909 people lost their lives. 4,095 non-fatal accidents were reported in the city in the previous year in which 4,201 people sustained injuries. 2,49,624 cases were registered in contact enforcement while 87,25,321 cases have been registered in contactless enforcement. The number of Green Corridors created for medical emergencies was 22, according to a press release from the office of the Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

Man stabbed to death in a moving auto

Bengaluru: New year celebrations proved dear for a 21-year-old man when he was murdered allegedly by his friends in Hanumanthanagar police station limits in the wee hours on Monday. The victim Vijay was a welder and a resident of Srinivasanagar. The accused, after killing him, have allegedly thrown the body at Srinivasanagar bus stand. Vijay is said to have celebrated New Year's Eve with his friends on Srinivasanagar 80 Feet Road. When they were returning home in an auto at 2 am, he is said to have had a squabble with his friends, which led to one of his friends stab him with a knife. The accused fled the scene after pushing him out from the moving auto. Vijay died of excessive bleeding. Hanumanthanagar police have registered a case.

Parents deny permission for photoshoot, girl ends life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 21-year-old BBA student died by suicide after her parents allegedly refused to send her for a photoshoot at a mall. The incident occurred at Sudhama Nagara in Wilson Garden police station limits.

The victim, who has been identified as Varshini, had completed a photography course and wanted to do a photoshoot at a mall.

However, her parents denied her permission to go for the photoshoot.

Disappointed, she hung herself from a ceiling fan on Saturday night. The incident came to light on Sunday morning, when she did not step out of her room. Her parents who went to check for her, found her hanging and immediately took her to a nearby hospital where she was declared dead.

Police sources informed that Varshini was pursuing her studies at a college in Jayanagar and excelled in academics.

It is suspected that she must have taken the drastic step out of anger and disappointment. A case of unnatural death has been registered by the Wilson Garden police based on the complaint filed by her father.

VIRUS IN NUMBERS

296 Total positive cases reported on January 1	1,245 Total active cases (20 in ICU, 46 in general bed, 1,179 in-home isolation)
1 Death	
5,021 TOTAL TESTS DONE	
Positivity Rate 5.89 %	199 Total JN.1 cases confirmed since Dec 15, 2023

199 JN.1 variant cases in Karnataka

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

THE number of new Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1 cases in Karnataka has witnessed a significant jump — from 34 to 199. The state has so far registered three confirmed deaths because of this variant.

Till December 30, 2023, the state health department had sent 601 samples for Whole Genomic Sequencing (WGS). Of this, 262 samples have been released and it is found that 199 samples had the new variant JN.1 and 28 cases of XBB variant.

The total positive cases in the state on Monday was 296 and there was one death reported, stated the bulletin issued by the state health department. The deceased is a 55-year-old male from Mysuru who had Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and had symptoms — fever, cough, breathlessness and was suffering from other comorbidities.

The number of active cases rose up to 1,245 of which 1,179 are in home-isolation, 46 in the general bed and 20 in the ICU. Total tests done were 5,021 and the positivity rate was 5.89%.

Further, a press release from the state health department on Monday said that it has received 30,000 doses of Corbevax and the same has been distributed among the districts based on their demand.

"As per the Government of India guidelines, Corbevax a heterolgous vaccine can be administered as a precautionary dose. As per the recommendations by the Technical Advisory Committee, those who are aged 60 and above, those with compromised immunity and the health care workers who have not received the precautionary dose, if they have completed 6 months or 26 weeks after their 2nd dose of CoviShield or Covaccine can take the precautionary jab," read a statement from the health department.

LOST OF DOCUMENT

This notice is to bring to public notice that I, **AYAAN TAAHA, S/o. Mr. Dr. Chand Pasha,** have lost / misplaced class X Marks Card (ICSE) and Pass Certificate (Unique ID No.7569710) studied at Cathedral High School. The aforementioned marks card and pass certificate are lost or misplaced at No. 46, 2nd Cross, D'Costa Layout, Hutchins Road, opp Marianiketan School, Cooks Town, Bengaluru-84 and I have lodge complaint before Bengaluru City Police Station. If found please contact at **No.9845515204.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Sri SELLADURAI,** S/o Sri Kudiyar, aged about 62 years, Residing at No.9-2, Oil Mill Road, Sait Palya, Lingarajapuram, BENGALURU-560 084 has entered into an agreement of sale to purchase the schedule property, from its owner Smt. VANITHA .J, W/o Sri Jagannath .M, aged about 60 years, residing at No.129, Near Water Tank, Nagashetty Halli, BENGALURU-560 094 for a valuable sale consideration. Any person/s having objections to the above transaction or any claims whatsoever on the schedule property, shall, lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within Fourteen (14) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned. If no objections or any claim received within the stipulated period of fourteen days our client will proceed with the above-mentioned transaction presuming that no one has any claim and any claim made thereafter shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Municipal New No.47, PID No.96-63-47, old Site No.30, consist of residential building ie., Stilt, Ground, First & Second floors, situated at 3rd Cross, Chamundinagar, Bengaluru (formerly site No.30 formed in Assessment No.85/1 & 85/2 of Cholanayakanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk) within the BBMP jurisdiction of Ward No.33, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 square feets, and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.33, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.31.

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Advt.No. IIITDMK/Admn/C-6-2023

IIITDM Kancheepuram, located at Chennai (25km from airport) **invites applications for the Ad-Hoc/Temporary Faculty on Contract in Department of Computer Science and Engineering.**

Application form and detailed Advertisement is available at **www.iiitdm.ac.in.**

The last date for submitting online application is 10 January 2024.

Registrar

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.

1. Aggregate Amount: **Total Rs.6000 Crore, (Rs.3000 Crore (10 Year Tenure) and 3000 Crore (11 Year Tenure))**
2. Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort).
3. Date of auction : **January 02, 2024.**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bangalore. Non - competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non - competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

Sd/- (Dr. P. C. Jaffer)
Secretary to Government
DIPR/CP/RO/2756/2023-24 **(Budget & Resources), Finance Department**

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.
No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.
Phone: 080-26983700, 26983722, 22976600, 22976656, 22976662
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Auction Sale Notice

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the **Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd, Bengaluru - 560018** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned properties under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules 6(2) and 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD Amount	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to the Bank	Date & Time of Opening Tender & Place of Auction
1	**1) Sri S.Yerra Reddy S/o. S. Rami Reddy** **2) Smt. S. Shantha Kumari W/o. S. Yerra Reddy,** Both are R/at: Villa No.3, Lake View Golden Nest, Before Lakshmisagar Village, Old Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560099. **Also at:** No. 175/1, 2nd Cross, Near R.N. Master Building, Teachers Colony, Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560099. **Guarantor:** **Sri Venkatasubramanya. B.K. S/o. Gurumurthy** No. 202, Arya Heights, 2nd Floor, Talahgattapura, Kanakapura Main Road, Opp: Thalahgattapura Police Station, Bengaluru - 560062. **Also at:** Senior Compositor, O/o. The DG & IGP, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.	**PROPERTY NO.I:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant Villa Site No. 5, Lake View Golden Nest Phase-II, Khata No. 855/1023/5, situated in Bangalore District, Anekal Taluk, Attibele Hobli, Lakshmisagar Village, Survey No.82/1 and 82/2 which has been converted from Agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide order No. ALN (A)(A) SR278/2011-12 dated 02.04.2012 issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and the layout plan is approved by the BMRDA/APA vide order bearing No.APA/LAO/09/2012-13 dated 01.04.2013, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 43.25 feet, totally 1297 Sq.ft and bounded on: **East by :** Villa Site No.4, **West by :** Villa Site No.6, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private Property	**Rs. 45,39,500/-** (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs. 4,53,950/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)	**Rs. 70,14,920/-** (Rupees Seventy Lakh Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Only) **as on 15-12-2023**	**07-02-2024 at 11.30 AM No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018**
		PROPERTY NO.II: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant Villa Site No. 42, Lake View Golden Nest Phase-II, Khata No.892/1023/42, situated in Bangalore District, Anekal Taluk, Attibele Hobli, Lakshmisagar Village, Survey No.82/1 and 82/2 which has been converted from Agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide order No.ALN (A)(A) SR278/2011-12 dated 02.04.2012 issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and the layout plan is approved by the BMRDA/APA vide order bearing No.APA/LAO/09/2012-13 dated 01.04.2013, measuring East to West (40+41)/2 feet and North to South (30+30.65)/2 feet, totally 1228 Sq.ft and bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Villa Site No.41, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Villa Site No.43	**Rs. 44,20,800/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs. 4,42,080/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Two Thousand and Eighty Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)		

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:- **1)** The Tender form can be collected from **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. (Phone: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600 / 22976656 / 22976662)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD being 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** - payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** latest by **06-02-2024 before 5.00 PM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property **"WILL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount will be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the bidder including successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **on 07-02-2024 at 11.30 AM. 8)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, by Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / RTGS / NEFT and the balance of the Sale Price should be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property will be put for re-auction. **9)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **10)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or / bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **11)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **12)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** at their expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **13)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Phone No: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600 / 22976656 / 22976662) E-Mail ID: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 01-01-2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **13.09.2023** calling upon the borrower **1) M/S. Pramaan Projects Pvt Ltd** Represented By Its Directors **A) Manish Kumar Sethia B) Sanjay Kumar Maloo,** No.8, 203 & 204, 2nd Floor, President Chambers, Richmond Road, Bangalore-560025 Personal Guarantees : **2) Sri. Neeraj P Maurya** S/o Prabhu Nandan Maurya, #513, 4th A Main Near Chaya Hospital, O M B R Layout, Kalyananagar, Bangalore-560043, **3) Sri. Manish Kumar Sethia** S/o Devendra Kumar Sethia, #344/88, 2nd Floor, 18th Cross,16th Main, Near Vijayanagar Post Office, M C Layout, Vijayanagar Bangalore-560040. **4) Sri. Sanjay Kumar Maloo** S/o Chhatar Singh Maloo, A-1, No. 344/88, 18th Cross, 16th Main, Near Udaya School, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040, **5) Sri. Prem Kumar S M** S/o Basavarajaiah S, # 305, Sri Mallikarjuna Residency, 80 Feet Road, Gubbalala Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560061. To Repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. **9,64,54,872/- (Rupees Nine Crore Sixty Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred And Seventy Two only)** as on **11.09.2023**, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **28th day of December of the year 2023**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd,** Yelahanka Branch, Bangalore, for an amount **Rs. 9,64,54,872/- (Rupees Nine Crore Sixty Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred And Seventy Two only)** as on **11.09.2023**, plus interest from **Dt.12.09.2023** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) : Property No.1: All that piece and parcel of Residential Property one Duplex house Flat A2 in second Floor constructed in property No.88(old No.344) bearing BBMP Khatha No.344, New No.88/SF-2, PID No.35-4-88/SF-2 situated at Magadi Road, Chord Road layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.125, measuring East to West: 40 feet, and North to South: 60 feet, in all measuring 1950 Sqft with UDS of 600 Sqft and along with one Car parking in the stilt floor, bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Site No.345, North by : Site No.371, South By : Road.

Property No.2: All piece and parcel of un-developed industrial converted land in Sy. No. 229, measuring 3 acres 32 gts, Sy. No. 148/2, measuring 1 acre 20 gts and land in Sy.No. 149/2, measuring 2 acres 20 gts, totally measuring 7 acres 32 gts situated at Devastanada Hosahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkballapura Taluk, and District and all survey number are in single plot, adjacent to each other and common bounded on: East by: Devastanada Hosahalli A.K. Venkataramappa's Property, West by: Dr. Duttu's Property and 30 feet passage, North by : Ajith kumar's Property and, South By : Venkatesha's Property

Date : 28.12.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE) RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

1) Borrower/ Mortgagor: (1) M/s Sri Annapoorneshwari Traders (Proprietorship Concern) Prop: Mrs.Hemavathi, No.72, Raghavendra Layout, Vidyamanyanagar, Andhrahalli, Bangalore-560091, **(2) Mrs.Hemavathi,** No.475, Raghavendra Layout, Near Venkateshwaraswamy Temple, Vidyamanyanagar, Bangalore-560091, **Also at:** No.84, Raghavendra Nagar, 12th Cross, Andhrahalli, Bangalore. **Guarantor: (3) Mr. C Rangaiah,** No.475, Raghavendra Layout, Near Venkateshwaraswamy Temple, Vidyamanyanagar, Bangalore-560091, **Also at:** No.84, Raghavendra Nagar, 12th Cross, Andhrahalli, Bangalore. **(Being Borrower/Guarantor for the Secured OD Loan Account No.236331100000034 availed in the name of M/s Sri Annapoorneshwari Traders Proprietorship Concern)**

Sale of property belonging to **Mrs.Hemavathi** for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Notice Date: **16.12.2023** issued to you u/s 8(6) of The Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by branch/me, the Authorised Officer, was sent to you calling upon to repay the dues in your loan account/s with us at your last known address could not be served.

Therefore contents of the said the Notice are being Published in this News Paper.

Union Bank of India, Andhrahalli Branch, the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated **16.08.2023** under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 6/8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **23.11.2023.**

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of the Property (Land and Buiding) owned by Mrs.Hemavathi, bearing site no 22 A, portion of Assessment No 42/1, New BBMP Khata No 941 situated at Hegganahalli village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North, Present comes under BBMP ward no 71, Hegganahalli ward 5th cross Sanjivininagar, Hegganahalli, Bangalore measuring East to west 30 feet and North to South 30 feet on in all measuring 900sqt, with building in ground floor 594 sqft, first floor 474 sft and bounded on: East By : Road, West By : Private property, North By : Site No.23, South By : Site No.22.

Date : 16.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India
Meesala Srinu, Chief Manager

A man was found dead in a well beside Bramhalinga temple in front of Railway Gate near Tanaji Galli in Belagavi on Monday morning. The identity of the deceased is not known. According to sources, the owners of the commercial establishments in the area spotted the body in the well while fetching water and informed the police

Hindu activists fume as Hubballi police arrest 1992 riot accused

Timing of arrest questioned, with Ram temple in Ayodhya set to be opened this month

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

THE Hubballi-Dharwad police arrested a person linked to the December 1992 violence in Hubballi, in the aftermath of the Babri Masjid demolition. Besides arresting Srikant Poojary, a resident of Old Hubballi, they called up several other suspects who have links with the violence reported in Hubballi during that period.

Police defended their action, saying the arrest was among 34 other arrests in pending cases, which is done from time to time. However, Hindu activists have questioned the timing of the arrest, with the Ram temple in Ayodhya set to be opened this month. During the riots, a shop was set ablaze during a protest in December 1992, and Town police had filed cases against many people. On Friday, police arrested Poojary and served notices to a few others.

Raju Dharamdas, one of the accused in the riots, said a court had closed the case long ago and he was surprised when police called him. "After 25 years, I got a police notice in 2017. I approached court for anticipatory bail and it was granted. After I produced the documents, police had allowed me to go. Now after so many years, they have called me to appear before them. I went with my lawyer and again submitted my bail documents," he explained.

BJP MLA Mahesh Tenginkai calls on the family of Srikant Poojary in Hubballi on Monday | EXPRESS

Dharamdas said BJP leaders should come to the rescue of karyakartas who have given valuable time for the cause. "It's sheer torture by police. Many BJP leaders were also accused in the riots. Why are only a select few being rounded up?" he asked.

Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commissioner Renuka Sukumar said the arrest was part of an ongoing investigation into long-pending cases. She said police routinely works to resolve such cases and clarified that it was not influenced by external factors. Renuka said among nine accused, three have passed away. Police are pursuing the remaining individuals. "We have resolved cases pending for 45 years, and this is part of regular work. We recently apprehended the accused in numerous long-pending cases," she said.

> **I was also part of the protest, will you arrest me? Is the government courageous enough to arrest me?**
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> R Ashoka, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly and former minister

ASHOKA WARNS OF PROTEST BY BJP

Meanwhile in Bengaluru, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka on Monday warned the State government that the BJP will protest against the arrest of a pro-Hindu organisation worker in Hubballi. Ashoka was referring to the arrest on Friday of Srikant Poojary, who had taken part in the Ram Janmabhoomi protest 30 years ago. Poojary and some others have been invited to take part in the Ram Mandir inauguration. "I was also part of the protest, will you arrest me? Is the government courageous enough to arrest me?" he said, and demanded that the government withdraw cases against them. Ashoka told reporters that the Congress has started hate politics. Even during Siddaramaiah's previous regime, Hindu workers had been murdered, he said, adding that the CM celebrates Tipu Jayanti but does not offer puja to Sri Ram. "Siddaramaiah is allergic to wearing 'naama', but flaunts topi at masjids for votes," he said.

2024: Making agriculture more profitable through drought, floods

STARTING POINT 2024

INDIA is an agrarian country, with a dependence of over 65% of the population on the sector that is gambling with the monsoons. Climate change has added an undesirable dimension to rainfall distribution. The spatio-temporal changes in rainfall behaviour in India has resulted in frequent weather extremes like droughts and floods, affecting livelihoods of the greater population.

The National Rainfed Area Authority has identified 24 drought-vulnerable districts distributed across Karnataka (16), Rajasthan (4) and Andhra Pradesh (4), which are the worst hit by drought, while Kerala, Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Bihar, Karnataka and Gujarat are affected by floods.

Basically, agricultural droughts are associated with insufficient water to meet crop evapotranspiration, which hampers the growth of crops, while floods cause lodging, submerging or washing away of whole crops.

Inadequate knowledge of the occurrence of these events leads to greater loss of agriculture products. Selection of the crops, variety, sowing window, growing period and agromet advisory services (AAS) are the available tools to minimise long-range and short-range climate and weather aberration impacts in micro and macro domains. It is proved that adoption of AAS improved the benefit-cost ratio to 1.5 to 2.70 against 0.5 to 0.75 in non-AAS farmers in different crops.

Making Indian agriculture profitable under these climatic extremes needs both short- and long-term strategies. The short-term strategies include:

a) Forewarnings and improving predictability of weather forecast: Advisories to design cropping plans should be made based on long-range weather forecasting to implement weather-sensitive profitable farming. Weather forecasting accuracy under tropical and sub-tropical climate is a major concern, and needs improvement.

b) Adaptation of contingent crop planning: Implementation of a tailored cropping plan needs preparation for supply of critical inputs, like seeds, fertilisers etc. Seed production should start at least two years in advance with a strategy that unused seeds can be utilised as grain. Contingency strategies including alternate crop varieties/alternate crops suitable in the event of a delay in onset of monsoon rains or dry spell; management options tailored for initial/mid-season/end of season drought scenarios in rainfed/groundwater irrigated/tankfed areas/canal command areas must be adapted.

Dr MB RAJEGOWDA & Dr MN THIMMEGOWDA

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c) Soil health enhancement: Soil organic carbon is an indicator for soil health, which has declined considerably from around 0.75% during Independence to 0.35% in 2020's. Improving soil health by encouraging organic manures viz., green manure, organic residues etc, can improve water holding capacity in the soil and support drought-proofing. The government can plan for the supply of green manure seeds timely with subsidised supply and incentivise soil health programmes.

d) Rainwater conservation: Agricultural sustainability under weather extremes largely depends on rainwater management viz., in-situ conservation during drought and safe disposal during floods.

Rainwater conservation through watershed management and flood mitigation strategies needs greater emphasis.

e) Strengthening the custom hire services of farm machineries: Timely sowing, harvesting and processing of farm produce is a basic necessity for the success of crop production under climatic extremes, and needs timely availability of improved machinery.

f) Marketing and processing of produce, especially during surplus years: Even in drought-prone areas, there can be surplus produce, and at times the perishable produce should be marketed through cooperatives, and the government should arrange to buy such produce or send it to distant markets, or preserve, or value-addition can be promoted.

g) Crop insurance: Compulsory and affordable contributory weather-linked crop insurance for all rainfed crops should be adopted at farmers' scale.

h) Empowering farmers to understand the long-term and short-term climate aberration and adaptation and implementation of the recommended strategies should be taken up timely.

The long-term strategies include ecosystem development, trans-basin transfer of river water, flood-proofing and alternate cropping system to the changed climate scenario in macro domains.

CM: GUARANTEES HAVE LESSENED DROUGHT SEVERITY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ON day one of 2024, CM Siddaramaiah met senior officials and asked them to work effectively, telling them that 2024 will be a promising year. He claimed that the Congress government's guarantee schemes have helped reduce the severity of drought on people, especially farmers.

After exchanging New Year greetings with the chief secretary, additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries and secretaries on Monday at his home office Krishna, Siddaramaiah said, "The state has lost crops valued at over Rs 35,000 crore spread across 48 lakh hectares because of drought. The felief from the government will not be sufficient if nature does not support us. We are facing this situation because of climate change. We shall pray to God for good showers," he added.

"Over 60% of people are dependent on agriculture. It is because of our guarantees that the severity of drought is less on people. Poor families have gained purchasing power," he said. "People have chosen us for the development of the state, while the government has chosen bureaucrats for effective implementation of schemes," he told the officials. The CM urged the officials to work as per people's expectations.

CM Siddaramaiah addresses senior officials in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

BJP MLA Somashekar meets DKS, sparks buzz

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH Lok Sabha elections just a few months away, BJP MLA from Yeshwantpur ST Somashekar continues to meet Congress leaders in Karnataka fuelling speculation of his return to the Grand Old Party. The MLA called on DK Shivakumar, who is also the state Congress president, at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Monday.

According to an informed source, Somashekar has been insisting that former Union Minister DV Sadananda Gowda contest from Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency from BJP. If the BJP fields former minister CT Ravi, Somashekar is unlikely to back him and instead support the Congress, the source said. He is also lobbying for his son Nishanth to be the candidate, the source added.

"A few BJP leaders meet Shivakumar in the dark escaping media glare. But I am meeting him without any hesitation which gets highlighted in the media," Somashekar said while speaking to reporters after meeting Shivakumar. Recently, the MLA had called on Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara at the latter's residence along with former minister Shivaram Hebbar.The duo, along with MLC H Vishwanath, had sparked a row when they dined with Congress leaders after the Congress Legislature Party meeting in Belagavi recently. Karnataka BJP state BY Vijayendra had sought an explanation from the duo.

Hebbar has been an aspirant for the Uttarka Kannada LS seat from the Congress. Hebbar and Somashekar had quit Congress and joined BJP in 2019 to help Yediyurappa form the government. "If the incumbent BJP MP Anantkumar Hegde does not want to contest the upcoming LS polls, the BJP will find it difficult to find an alternative candidate. Hebbar as a Congress candidate can capitalise on this vacuum," observed a political analyst.

19,392 registered so far for Yuva Nidhi scheme: Minister Patil

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

AS many as 19, 392 youth have registered for the Yuva Nidhi scheme in the last seven days (December 26, 2023 to January 1, 2024) across Karnataka, Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Sharanprakash Patil told *TNIE*.

The registration for Yuva Nidhi, the Congress' fifth guarantee scheme, was launched in Bengaluru on December 26.

Under Yuva Nidhi, youth who remained unemployed after completing their graduation and diploma in 2023 will get a monthly unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 and Rs 1,500, respectively, for two years or till they get employment. The money will be credited to the beneficiaries on January 12 (Vivekananda Jayanti). Dr Patil said about 1 lakh youth are expected to register for the scheme and a similar number is likely to participate in the launch programme in Shivamogga on January 12.

About 5 lakh youth have been identified as eligible beneficiaries.

The applicants must be residents of Karnataka and they must have passed their degree or diploma in the academic year 2022-23. The eligible beneficiaries will receive monthly assistance in their bank accounts directly via Direct Bank Transfer (DBT), Dr Patil elaborated.

The youth fulfilling the conditions can register their name through the Seve Sindhu Portal, or by visiting their nearest Karnataka One/Bengaluru One, Grama One or Bapuji Seva Kendras, Dr Patil said.

With the launch of Yuva Nidhi, the Congress government in Karnataka will fulfil all the five guarantees promised to the public at the time of election campaign, the minister concluded.

FOR A GOOD YEAR

A large number of people throng the famous Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud in Mysuru district on Day 1 of 2024, on Monday | EXPRESS

Udupi BJP MLA writes to Siddu to declare Jan 22 a public holiday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

UDUPI BJP MLA Yashpal Suvarna has written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and requested him to declare January 22 as a public holiday in the backdrop of consecration ceremony of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

In his letter to the Chief Minister, the MLA said it is an immensely sacred day for all Indians, fulfilling a five century-old dream. Declaring a holiday would enable people to celebrate this emotional and historical moment from their homes, he added.

Sri Vishwaprasanna Tirtha Swamiji of Sri Pejawar Mutt, who is also a trustee of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, has conveyed a message to the people of Udupi.

He urged them to celebrate the day by illuminating their homes, shops, and buildings with decorative lamps, MLA Suvarna added.

The festivities are set to begin on January 14, coinciding with Makar Sankranti. On January 18, Puthige Mutt seer Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji will ascend the Paryaya Peetha.

Meanwhile, MLA Yashpal Suvarna has organised a special 'Halu Payasa Seve' for devotees at the Udupi Shri Krishna Mutt on January 22.

More than selection, people should appreciate it: Yogiraj

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SCULPTOR Arun Yogiraj said he has not yet received any official communication about the selection of his idol to be installed in Ayodhya.

However, senior BJP leaders' posts on 'X' made him believe that his work has been selected.

"I am happy that I was among the three sculptors from the country selected to carve the idol of Ram Lalla," Yogiraj said.

The challenge was not easy for him. "The idol should be of a child, who is divine too, because it is the statue of the incarnation of God. People who look at the statue should feel the divinity," Yogiraj said.

"Keeping the divinity aspect along with the child-like face in mind, I started my work about seven months ago. Now, I am extremely happy. More than selection, people should appreciate it. Only then, I will be happy," he said.

(With agency inputs)

Udupi's coal-based pvt plant to supply power fully to K'taka

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

ADANI Power Ltd (APL) with a total generating capacity of 1,200 mw of electricity at its two plants located at Yellur village in Udupi district will supply the entire electricity generated by it to electricity supply companies (ESCOMs) in the state.

As per an agreement, APL was to supply 1,015 mw of power to Karnataka and the remaining 185 mw to Punjab. But the company will not supply any power to Punjab as Karnataka, two months ago, invoked the emergency clause under Section 11 of the Electricity Act, mandating all private power generation companies situated in the state to sell entire electricity generated by them only to the state government.

This is because hydel power generation has hit rock bottom with a big deficit in monsoon rainfall in the state, sources said.

The coal-based power plant of Adani Power Ltd in Yellur, Udupi district

While APL sells power at Rs 5 per unit to Karnataka, it charges Punjab Rs 8 per unit as per the power purchase agreement (PPA). Last year, with the state receiving copious rainfall, it did not purchase any power from APL as it had enough generation from its hydel units. The state could manage supplies as the demand too was not high.

Kishore Alva, president and executive director, APL, told TNIE that the plant has sufficient imported coal to generate power. "Escoms have cleared all the money that was due to APL. There is no issue in supplying power exclusively to Karnataka," he added.

The amount that was due from Escoms to APL had run into Rs 3,000 cror when the Supreme Court directed the state government to hold talks and arrive at an amicable amount. APL agreed to a full and final settlement of Rs 1,800 crore offered by the state government.

APL had been supplying 185 mw of power to Punjab for the last 10 years.

In a tragic accident, the ceiling of a 52-year-old house collapsed in Tiruchy on Monday, killing two children and two women of the same family. The victims are C Shanthi (75), Vijayalakshmi (45) Pradeepa (12) and Harini (10) were the mother, wife, and daughters of C Marimuthu, the owner of the house

Kerala church slams min's claim of BJP cosying up to Christians

Joining BJP at X'mas event under scrutiny

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

ON the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kerala, the BJP sensed a political opportunity as the Church launched a scathing attack against minister for culture Saji Cherian for his remarks against Bishops who attended the Prime Minister's Christmas luncheon. Meanwhile Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday said that the BJP's new found love towards Christians was driven by political motives.

Though BJP leaders rejected rumours that the Prime Minister may meet Christian leaders during his visit to Thrissur, the party is keen to get closer to the Church. Modi will address a women's rally in Thrissur at 3 PM on Wednesday and participate in a road show along the Swaraj Round.

Inaugurating the local committee office of the CPM at Punnapra in Alappuzha district on Sunday, minister Saji Cherian had sated that some bishops are having goosebumps when the PM hosts a party for them. He said the bishops forgot about the Manipur riots while having wine and cake offered by BJP.

The criticism came in the backdrop of 47 Christians, including Orthodox church Nilakkal diocese secretary Shaiju Kurian, joining the BJP at the NDA Christmas Sneha Sangamam in Pathanamthitta on Saturday. Orthodox Church metropolitan Kuriakose Mar Cleemis had also attended the function.

Reacting to the criticism, Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) deputy secretary general and spokesperson Fr Jacob G Palakkappilly said the minister's statement was irresponsible and inappropriate. People holding important positions should be careful while issuing statements, he said.

"The PM had invited Christian leaders to a lunch for Christmas and we are not politicians to refuse the invitation. We don't have any politics but we can understand the political intentions of all parties, whether it is the left, the Congress or the BJP. It is the first time Modi has invited Christian leaders for a lunch and we had accepted it as it is the PM who invited us," he said.

Raman Research Institute builds primary payload for XPoSat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

RAMAN Research Institute (RRI), headquartered in Bengaluru, has designed and built one of the two payloads on India's first X-ray polarimetry mission launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday morning. X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat), will operate within a medium X-ray band and aid in studying black holes and neutron stars.

The Indian X-ray Polarimeter (POLIX) instrument was built under the guidance of Biswajit Paul, principal investigator of POLIX at RRI, in collaboration with UR Rao Satellite Centre (URSC) in the city. X-ray SPECtroscopy and Timing (XSPECT) and POLIX will study X-ray emissions emanating from bright X-ray sources. POLIX will be the first-ever satellite-mounted scientific instrument that will perform polarization measurements of X-ray sources in the medium band (8-30keV). The instrument will study a few tens of bright astronomical sources of different categories during the planned lifetime of the XPoSat mission of about five years.

"It has taken hard work for a long period and a dedicated team of people to realise the POLIX instrument. We look forward to having some insightful scientific results, investigating the structure of the intense magnetic field in cosmic objects and behaviour of matter and radiation in extreme gravity," said Professor Paul.

So far, astronomers have largely measured the polarization of stars and celestial objects from radio to optical frequency bands. In space, X-rays can get polarised when they come under the influence of very strong magnetic fields, such as near the surface of neutron stars, magnetars – a neutron star with a very high magnetic field -- as well as due to interactions with material present around black holes.

"This makes them excellent sources of polarised X-rays, making polarization studies an ideal tool to deepen our understanding of these exotic celestial objects. POLIX will undertake measurements of the degree and angle of polarization of X-ray photons from the environment surrounding black holes, neutron stars, and other such cosmic entities," read a statement. Using this additional information, scientists will be able to better understand the exact nature of emissions from these celestial sources.

> **We look forward to having some insightful scientific results, investigating the structure of the intense magnetic field in cosmic objects and behaviour of matter and radiation in extreme gravity**
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> Biswajit Paul, Principal investigator of POLIX at RRI

COLOURFUL END

The 38th Cochin Carnival concluded with a vibrant parade on Monday | TP SOORAJ

3 die in fatal accidents post NY fete in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN three separate accidents, three persons including a techie died in the city in the wee hours of Monday after new year celebrations. The fatal accidents have been reported in Bellandur, Hennur and Whitefield traffic police limits. The victims were reportedly returning home after new year celebrations when they met with the unfortunate accidents.

28-year-old Ravi Karthikeyar, a techie died after the autorickshaw in which he was returning home with friends was hit by a speeding car on the Sarjapura Road. The victim, a native of Haryana, was staying at Kasavanahalli in the city. Post new year celebrations, he was returning home with two of his friends at 12.45 am on Monday, when the accident occurred. In the impact, five persons including the car driver sustained injuries. The techie reportedly succumbed to injuries during treatment. The condition of the other four are said to be out of danger. Bellandur traffic police registered a case.

In another accident, 22-year-old Chethan, a resident of Kacharakanahalli died when he was returning home on his bike after new year celebrations. The biker reportedly lost control over his bike and hit the road divider. The incident happened at around 4am on the Kothanur main road. The victim succumbed to injuries during treatment. Hennur traffic police registered a case.

In yet another fatal accident, a 21-year-old painter from Uttar Pradesh died in a road traffic accident in Whitefield traffic police limits. The victim identified as Dheeraj is a resident of Siddapura.

The duo were returning home at around 12.30 am post new year celebrations. The scooter rider lost his balance and hit an electric pole on the Nallurhalli main road. The pillion rider is out of danger. The Whitefield traffic police have registered a case.

Climate change may lead to more systems in Arabian Sea, says IMD

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

LAST year, 12 synoptic disturbances were formed in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. However, Karnataka saw less rainfall because of the El Nino effect, as the systems sucked up all the moisture from the land.

This was not all that caught the attention of weathermen and experts. It was also the number of systems forming in the Arabian Sea. They forecast that in the coming years, more systems will form in the Arabian Sea due to climatic conditions, which is a matter of concern.

According to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), year 2023 saw 12 synoptic scale disturbances -- three depressions, three deep depressions, one cyclonic storm, one severe cyclonic storm, one very severe cyclonic storm and three excessively severe cyclonic storms. It also noted that of six cyclones formed last year, two were in the Arabian Sea and four in the Bay of Bengal.

In 2022, there were 10 disturbances above the intensity of depression in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, of which one was a cyclonic storm and two were severe cyclonic storms. IMD officials said there were fewer systems in the Arabian Sea. In 2021, there were 10 systems of which one was an extremely severe cyclonic storm, one a very severe cyclonic storm, one was a severe cyclonic storm and one a cyclonic storm.

"The intensity of the systems was more in 2023, but frequency was less. The main criteria for formation of systems is the rise in sea surface temperature, 26 degree Celsius and above, leading to the formation of a cyclone. Usually, more systems form in the Bay of Bengal than the Arabian Sea because the Sun has to heat up a smaller area. This year, we saw an increase in the number of systems forming in the Arabian Sea.

In the coming days, the number of systems forming in the Arabian Sea will rise because of climatic changes, and will impact the monsoon and rain patterns on land, explained a senior IMD official.

Experts pointed out that the sea surface was also warming at a higher pace, due to which the sea level and volume were also rising. The frequency of cyclones in the Arabian Sea has also increased. There is also a rise in the height of waves, due to which coastal areas and aquatic species are getting affected.

After 14 yrs, Ch'nagar tribals get Aadhaar card

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

FOURTEEN years after the launch of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), tribals living in remote areas of backward Chamarajanagar district have got their Aadhaar cards. The long wait has come to an end as the district administration has reached their doorstep to issue Aadhaar cards that have become mandatory to avail Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's favourite guarantee schemes or to get free PDS or health cover.

Thanks to Deputy Commissioner Shilpanag for holding a time-bound drive to see that every child or person in Chamarajanagar district gets an Aadhaar card. Though there are 158 tribal colonies with more than 32,000 population, many elderly people from remote villages used to reach the district office complex requesting for an Aadhaar card.

This caught the eyeballs of DC Shilpanag who managed to get exclusive Aadhaar kits and assigned officials to visit all the haadis, conduct camps and issue the cards at their doorsteps. The drive that launched from August 30, 2023 has covered 61 tribal haadis and has issued 2,874 Aadhaar cards, including 520 new cards, besides 2,454 updadation cards.

A team of officials, including health navigators, Tribal Welfare, Food and Civil Supplies and Health staff, are also going door-to-door to see whether they have ration cards, health cards, caste certificates and other benefits from the departments.

"The data is compiled to create a database, so that anyone reaching out to the hospital will be able to produce their Aadhaar card, caste certificate and ration card to get the benefits. To the surprise of many, more than 1,500 tribals are yet to get their Aadhaar cards as they could not go to the district centre and many don't have either scheduled tribe caste certificates," sources said.

"Though the tribal community is getting nutritional food, they are yet to get benefits under various state government programmes. A majority of them are not aware of the programmes. How can we get benefits when we don't have an Aadhaar card that has to be linked to the bank account to get everything," said Bommaiah, a tribal.

Love affair with separated woman reason for murder of Scheduled Caste youth?

Tirunelveli/Thoothukudi: The 25-year-old Dalit man who was hacked to death by three men of the upper caste, on Sunday morning, was allegedly murdered over his relationship with a woman from upper caste, said a senior police official. The police have arrested two suspects while the third is on the run. P Muthu Perumal from Puliyankulam village was working as a sales executive at a car showroom in Thoothukudi. Perumal and the woman, believed to be separated from her husband, met each other at work. The woman's brother had threatened Perumal for speaking to his sister, sources said. "The suspects murdered Perumal due to his relationship with a woman from their community," the police said.

HAVE NOT DONE ANYTHING WRONG: DKS

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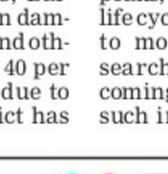
"I don't know why they have issued me a notice again. They have all my documents. My legal understanding is that the documents should be handed over to the Lokayukta," Shivakumar said.

"The CBI has been seeking information from my organisations, my wife and children and other family members," he said.

Alleging that many BJP leaders are talking about sending him to jail again, he said he has not done anything wrong. "I had given all the documents to the CBI. They had not even completed 10% of the investigation, but told the court that they had completed 90%. If they are determined to put me behind bars, let them do so. I am ready," he said.



DK Shivakumar

Asked if CBI's fresh notice has anything to do with the coming Lok Sabha elections, he said they are avenging his contribution to the election of Ahmed Patel to the Rajya Sabha in the past.

"Ahmed Patel is not alive today but they continue to torture me. I know who is behind this. I will fight this out legally," he said.

Shivakumar clarified that the party high command will take a call on fielding some ministers in the LS elections from the state.

"The high command has asked the CM and the DyCM to submit a report. A meeting with defeated candidates, MLAs and block level leaders will be held on January 10. Anything can happen in politics, some ministers may have to contest the LS elections. But it will be decided by the party high command," Shivakumar said.

"The high command has not accepted any list of ministers contesting the LS elections. I have not recommended any list. But it has asked me for a report which I am yet to submit," he clarified.

He said he and CM Siddaramaiah will attend a meeting of the high command on January 4 in New Delhi with a report on potential candidates submitted by some ministers who have been appointed as observers for 28 LS seats. There is no shortage of candidates in the party. There are three to four aspirants in every constituency and in some places, eight to ten, he claimed.

PES University celebrates Golden Jubilee in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE People's Education Society (PES), established by well-known educationist MR Doreswamy, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 2024. The Pre-Univeristy (PU) College was started with just 40 students in a rented gymnasium in Hanumathanagar with a vision to create a professionally superior and ethically strong global workforce. Today, PES institutions have over 25,000 students and 2,500 faculty members and staff, spread across four campuses in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Founder-Chairman and current Pro-Chancellor of the university Doreswamy's passion for quality education has helped shape many courses. He has experience in building over 30 programmes spanning across Arts, Architecture, Computer Applications, Commerce, Design, Engineering, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy.

The institution's theme for the milestone is 'Bharat Unleashed: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'. Several festivities have been scheduled from January 3 to 6. Distinguished speakers will grace the Speakers Conclave and deliver keynote addresses, sharing their insights and experiences that have shaped their respective fields. The sessions are scheduled at 5 pm every day to engage with the student community. During the celebrations, distinguished alumni will also be felicitated, acknowledging their work in their chosen fields. In addition to the sessions and felicitations, the management has curated musical evenings featuring performances by prominent singers and artistes.

'Action will be taken for wrongful deduction'

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"I checked the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) website and sent a mail to the ID given there a week ago along with a screenshot of the message. There has been no response," Krishna said.

VP Bilas Brahmankar Regional Officer, NHAI, Bengaluru, said such issues may have taken place. Many agencies were involved in the implementation of the project.

Apart from NHAI, Indian Highways Management Corporation Ltd., National Payments Corporation of India, banks from where the tag has been purchased, and the contractor at the toll gate were involved.

People should call the helpline number 1033 and report the matter or email to helpline1033@ihmcl.com. The money wrongly deducted will be returned to the account, he added.

Chief Operating Officer of IHMCL Jaiswal Vivek said, "Anyone in such a situation should call 1033. The complaints definitely reach me. Action will be taken against those responsible for the wrongful deduction."

Drought may lead to more man-animal conflict

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

THE state is facing a drought situation and as a result over 30 percent of the forest areas have been damaged or are suffering due to lack of water, especially in the dry forest areas. The forest department feels that the increase in man-animal conflict this year is due to the drought situation. To avoid such incidents in Ballari district and other parts of the state, the government has launched Rapid Response Team (RRT).

As per the data from the forest department, over 43,300 sqkm forest which is usually evergreen forest has been damaged in fire and tree damage reported from the drought-hit areas. The areas in North Karnataka and Kalyana Karnataka have large patches of dry deciduous forest areas where the department will be concentrating on bringing down the tension between human and wildlife, and will also prepare to fight fire incidents.

Sandip Suryawanshi, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, said trees have been damaged in Ballari district and other parts of the state in 40 per cent of the forest area due to drought. "Ballari district has 65,000 hectares of forest area. The green cover in nearly 25,000 hectares of area have been damaged due to lack of water and rainfall. Both rainfall and drought are natural processes, but compared to last few years, the state has not received enough rainfall this year. In Ballari district, 60 percent less rainfall was reported this year," the officer explained.

"If the drought situation peaks, it will affect the animal life cycle and wild animals tend to move out, especially in search of water, and end up coming near villages. To avoid such incidents and be responsive for animal sightings in human areas, the Ballari forest department has launched a Rapid Response Team(RRT). Three teams have been formed in total. While two are based in Sandur, one is in Ballari forest range," he added.

Another senior forest official said that the RRT teams have dedicated kits including fire proof jackets, nets and other materials.

"This year the department is ready to save the forest from fire incidents. But if animals enter villages, the residents must inform the nearest forest point as soon as possible," he said.

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

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Email : tgmcb_ho@hotmail.com, tgmcb.ho@tgmcbank.com, Website : www.tgmcbank.com,

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RE CONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, borrowers **1) Mr. Muniramaswamy B S/o Byrappa, Residing at No. 16 and 17, 'Daivakrupa Nilaya" Uttarahalli Main Road, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061, 2) Mrs. Manjula M** W/o Muniramaswamy B, Residing at No. 16 and 17,'Daivakrupa Nilaya" Uttarahalli Main Road, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore 560 061, **3) Mr. Suresh M** S/o Muniramaswamy B, Residing at No. 16 and 17, 'Daivakrupa Nilaya", Uttarahalli Main Road, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560 061. **Personal guarantee : Dr. Kumar** S/o Muniramaswamy B, Residing at No. 16 and 17, 'Daivakrupa Nilaya", Uttarahalli Main Road, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore 560 061 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore,** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.10,04,57,032/- (Rupees Ten Crore Four Lakhs fifty Seven thousand Thirty two Only) as on 23-07-2019,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on , and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.20 and 21, formed out of survey No.62/1, situated at Chikkallasandra village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Now comes under B B M P bearing katha No.50/48/20,21, ward No.197-Vasanthapura, totally measuring 5445 Sq feet and building there on & bounded on: East by: Road, West by: KSRTC Layout, North by: Property Nos 16 and 17, South by: Property No.22.	**18-01-2024 at 11.00 AM** .... **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore-10.**	**Rs.6,78,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Only) EMD: Rs. 67,80,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)**

<u>Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -</u> **(1)** The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2ND Cross, 4TH Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010. (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **"Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.," payable at Bangalore.** The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Cross, 4TH Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore 560010 Latest by 17-01-2024 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.00 PM on 18.01.2024. (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorized Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. (14) The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(15)** Bidder can bid for all or any one of the lots by submitting their EMD amount for the individual property. **(16)** In case the bidder is a company, a copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors authorizing the actual bidder to participate in the auction on behalf of the Company should be submitted. **(17)** If the sale price is more than **Rs.50,00,000=00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only),** then the auction purchaser/successful bidder has to deduct 1% of the Sale Price as TDS in the name of owner of the property & remit to Income Tax Department as per Section 194 IA of Income Tax Act and only 99% of the Sale Price has to be remitted to the Bank. The Sale Certificate will be issued only on receipt of Form 26QB & Challan for having remitted the TDS.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer, Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Cross, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476) -Mail: securitization@tgmcbank.com.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 01.01.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

punjab national bank

Circle SASTRA Bangalore :
No.26-27, Raheja Towers, (I Floor),
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Tel No. 080-25095087.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 18.01.2024 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	A) SARFAESI Details Possession B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Bangalore EGL Business park Domlur Sol ID: 754700 **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Anukanthkumar & Anitha Roselin A **A/C No. 754700NC00001164**	Flat bearing No 308 in 3rd Floor, in the residential apartment know as "NEHA LEGEND" having super built up area of 1220 square feet with a car parking space in the stilt floor and an undivided 263 square feet share in the land constructed on the land bearing converted Sy No 138/3, Site No 200/1, New BBMP Khata No 1002/1199/1093/882/200/1 of Sarvabhouma Nagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South measuring East to West 120 Feet and North to South 80 Feet totally measuring 9600 square feet and bounded on the **East By :** 30 Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** 30 Feet Road & **South By :** 30 Feet Road.	A) 13(2) 01.07.2023 13(4) 04.09.2023 Symbolic **B) Rs. 75,28,497.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 57,60,000.00 B)Rs. 5,76,000 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
2	BANGALORE CITY SOL ID:(004100) **Mob No. 9962022231** M/s. Sai Marketing **A/C No. 00041008700011242**	EM of all that piece and parcel of 3,000 sq.ft of land. M V Rs.36 lacs, R V 32.4 lacs, FSV Rs.28.80 lacs as per valuation report of A K Rappai dtd 30.07.2021. Site no 11 A U Block Shivpriya Nagar 187/2A Marsur VP Kahta no 1917 Madiwala Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal taluk. Bounded on **East by:** Site nos. 12 in AU Block, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Site No.10 in AU Block, **South By:** Road	A) 13(2) 07.01.2019 13(4) 16.04.2019 Symbolic **B) Rs. 1,43,97,455.56 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**Rs. 37,80,000.00 Rs. 3,78,000.00 Rs. 50,000.00**
3	EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** M/s. Spar Air & Sea Services **A/C No. 7547008700000040, 754700IB00000011**	All that piece and parcel of the Residential "B" type Row House bearing BDA No. B 7 – 695,Municipal No.B 12-695PID No. 72-10-B12-695, measuring 40.30 sq.mtrs. of super built up area together with 1/1x47.88sq.mtrs. undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule A Property. The Residential situated at Domlur 2nd stage, 3rd phase, Bangalore. Now the property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 3.60 mtrs. And North to south 13.30 mtrs. And the property bounded on the **East by:** B 694, **West by:** B 696, **North by** Road, **south by** conservancy.	A) 13(2) 27.05.2021 13(4) 15.09.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs. 33,75,756.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**Rs. 43,45,000.00 Rs. 4,34,500.00 Rs. 50,000.00**
4	BANGALORE, Electronic City (1238200) **Mob No. 9962022231** Shri P. Sampangi Ramaswamy **A/C No. 1238300521215**	EM Over 690 sq.ft with total constructed area of 2070sft All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.184, PID No. 57:255:184, situated at 11th Cross Road, Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 57, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and measuring East to West: 30.00 feet, North to south 23.0 feet, totally measuring : 690sft. And bounded on **East by:** property of Munilakshmaiah, **West by:** Property of kuntappa, **North by:** property of Arakerappa, **south by** 10x30 feet passage and property of dommappa.	A) 13(2) 10.01.2012 13(4) 28.04.2012 Symbolic **B) Rs.13,59,988.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**Rs. 47,47,000.00 Rs. 4,74,700.00 Rs. 50,000.00**
5	Bangalore, J P Nagar (159400) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. N Sridhar & N Leela **A/C No. 159400NC00003977**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.72, Assessment No.46/3 and 55/1, Katha No.46, situated at Andrahalli village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, the property within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore measuring East to West: 35+59/2feet, North to South:39.5+47/2 feet and bounded on the **East by:** Site No.75, **West by:** private property **North by:** Road and **south by :** site No.156	A) 13(2) 08.07.2016 13(4) 16.09.2016 Symbolic **B) Rs. 70,80,104.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**Rs. 82,04,000.00 Rs. 8,04,000.00 Rs. 50,000.00**
6	Bangalore, Electronic city (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr.Umakanth V **A/C No. 606200NC00000922**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing flat No. 407, in fourth floor, in the residential apartment known as "Neha Legend" consisting of two bedrooms having super built up area of 1130 sft with a car parking space in the stilt floor. An undivided 196 sft share in the land. Bounded on **East by:** 30 feet Road, **West by:** private property and **North by** 30 feet Road and **south by :** 30 feet Road.	A) 13(2) 28.11.2017 13(4) 23.03.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 70,80,104.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**Rs. 50,30,000.00 Rs. 5,30,000.00 Rs. 50,000.00**

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2.** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. **3.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. **4.** Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider"s website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com.** This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. **5.** The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in, 6.** The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e -बिक्रय IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). **7.** The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. **8.** Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. **9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10.** It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. **(1)** In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. **11.** After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). **12.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **13.** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. **14.** Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. **15.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **16.** The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. **17.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **19.** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **20.** All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. **21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22.** The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. **23.** It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 01.01.2024

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Chief Executive officer Zilla Panchayat Vijayanagara District
DC Office Building T.B. Dam Road Hospert-583225
Email : ceozpvijayanagara@gmail.com

ZPV/NRLM//HR/Tender/2023-24 Date:28.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

With respect to the above subject, tender through e-procurement for a recruitment of HR agency for supplying outsourc yemployee to work in Zilla Panchayth Vijayanagara under National Rural livelihood mission NRLM for **one year period**. Biders submit e-tender along with relevant documents in website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

1) e-procurement Tender Date of Publication /Document Download : **29.12.2023.** 2) Tender Amount : **1,05,00,000/-.** 3) Date of pre bid meeting : **02.01.2024 @ 11.00 AM @ ZP, Vijayanagara.** 4) Last date and time for Receipt of tenders : **16.01.2024 @ 04.00 PM.** 5) Electronic Document, First (Technical Bid) Opening Date and time : **17.01.2024 @ 05.00 PM.** 6) Electronic Document, Second (Financial Bid) Opening : **18.01.2024 @ 11.00 AM.** 7) Submitting Tenders Document : **Zilla Panchayath Vijayanagara.** 8) Amount of E.M.D to be paid with tender (e-procurement) : **1,57,500/-.**

Sd/- **Chief Executive Officer**
Zilla Panchayath vijayanagara

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WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

B-1526 Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-32/2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : Road works
3. No. of work : 20 Nos.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs.10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : A Class/Special Class/Super Class
6. Available of bid document of the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 05.01.2024 to 5.30 PM 20.01.2024
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt.22.01.2024 at 11.00 AM
8. The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha(I/C)

OIPR-34111/11/0053/2324

Estd:1916
THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(Under Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Limited, " Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053 defined as per Rule 2(a) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the above Act calling upon the borrowers and legal heir/s and they having failed to repay the demanded amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and legal heir/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) read with Rule 9 of the said Act and actual position is being taken by undersigned. The borrower/s legal heir/s and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the following property/s and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Limited, Bangalore.

Sl No.	Name of the borrower and property address	Description of the immovable property	Total Balance Due
	MALLESHWARAM BRANCH		
01	Sri. Manjunath P N and Smt. Geetha M All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing No.23, (Old No.19, Old Site No.4, Old HL Khatha No.782) situate at 12th Cross Road, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Old PID No.13-72-23, New PID No.068-W0114-3, Bangalore.	Measuring East to West : 27 feet on Northern side 33.3 feet on Southern side North to South : 23.6 feet Totally Measuring : 711.54 square feet. Bounded on the East by : Property belonging to Smt.Sarojamma, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Portion of the same Property sold to Sri. Ganganna and Sri.Nagaraj. Possession taken on:29.12.2023	As on 27.12.2023 ₹ 15,66,553-00
	BASAVANAGUDI BRANCH		
01	Smt.Chandra Bai S T, Sri.Satish R and Sri.Santosh R SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY The Karnataka Housing Board is the absolute owner of the lands consisting of various survey numbers, in all measuring approximately 970 acres and 30 guntas comprising 4 acres 35 guntas in Giddenahalli Village, 472 acres and 35.5 guntas in Jigala Village, 224 acres 26 guntas in Yadavanahalli Village and 268 acres 13.5 guntas in Adhigondanahalli Village of Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, having acquired the lands under Notification No: ಕಂಇ42 ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀ2008, ದಿನಾಂಕ 15.03.2008, & No/ಕ.ಇ./10/ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀ/2008, dated 02.02.2008 The Karnataka Housing Board has developed residential plots of various sizes sites/ Houses for the purpose of outright sale to the eligible persons belonging to different income groups. SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the House bearing No.308, Block: B4, Category: MIG measuring plinth area of 69.18 sq. meters consist of living cum dining, bedroom 02 nos., kitchen, bath & W.C., constructed on the site no.306/ B4 by the Karnataka housing board built on Schedule 'A' & 'B' property aforesaid.	Measuring East to West : 9.00 Meters North to South : 15.00 Meters in all measuring 135.00 Sq. Meters. Bounded on the East by : House No.309/B4 MIG, West by : House No.307/B4 MIG, North by : 12.00 Mtrs. Road, South by : Site No.317/B4 MIG. Possession taken on:29.12.2023	As on 27.12.2023 ₹ 12,79,979-00

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 29.12.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE III ADDL. FAMILY JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
M.C. NO. 1315 / 2021

BETWEEN:
Smt. Rupa Thakur,
wife of Shri Shiwanand,
aged about 37 years,
residing at Flat No 203,
Holy Paradise Anugraha Layout,
B Narayanapura, Bangalore North,
Doorvaninagar,
Bangalore 560016 PETITIONER

And
Mr. Shiwanand
Son of ShivbalakRai,
Aged about 44 years,
Residing at: A-207,
'A' Block, Mundeshwari Enclave,
Ashiana Mode, Baily Road,
Khajpura, Patna - 800 014 RESPONDENT

Whereas Smt. Rupa Thakur W/o Sri. Shiwanand, instituted the above petition against the respondent, respectively the above petition is for Decree of Divorce among other reliefs, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader on the **02-02-2024 at 11 O'clock**, to answer the same, failing which the petition/application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 12th day of December, 2023.

By Order of the Court,

Advocate for Petitioner
SHARATH S. GOGI
Gogi and Gogi
Advocates
No.502, Ground Floor,
4th Cross, near ISRO(HO)
R.M.V 2nd Stage,
Bangalore-560094.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners, **Sri.N.B.Jayakumar** S/o late N.K.Bharathraj Setty, **Smt.N.K.Rajeshwari** W/o late N.B. Krishnamurthy and **Sri.N.S.Srinivas** S/o late N.B.Suryanarayana, residing at: No.47, Middle School Road, V.V.Puram, Bangalore– 560004.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Nos.47 (PID No. 50-1-47), 47/1 (PID No.50-1-47/1) and 47/2 (PID No.50-1-47/2), all carved out of Municipal No.47, measuring East to West 83ft and North to South 85ft, with an old building thereon, situated at Middle School Road, Visweswarapuram, Bangalore- 560004 and bounded on:

East by : Middle School Road
West by : Conservancy
North by : House property No.316
South by : House property No.314

Sd/- Goutam Chand .S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

KARNATAKA STATE BEVERAGES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
4th Floor, TTMC Building 'A' Block, BMTC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027, Ph: 080-22483636/38/39

No. ADM11-099/e-6865/2023-24 Date:30.12.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement portal only)

The Executive Director (F&A), Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Ltd., Bangalore invites item rate Tenders on behalf of Governor of Karnataka for the following works as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 in two cover tender document system from the Class-I civil contractors/firms registered in Karnataka KPWD/CPWD and MES as mentioned below. No documents will be accepted in person/manual. Tender documents should be downloaded and submitted through e-procurement portal only. Other details can be obtained through e-procurement portal at the website address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl No	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender (Rs. lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Construction of KSBCL Godown Cum Office Facility at Hospete.	850.00	12,75,000/-	10 month (Excluding Monsoon)

Calendar of Events: 1) Last date & time for tender queries: **19.01.2024-12.00 P.M. 2)** Date of pre-bid meeting: **19.01.2024 - 04.00 P.M. 3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **31.01.2024 -04.00 P.M. 4)** Date & time for opening of Bid: **02.02.2024-04.01 P.M.**

Sd/- Executive Director (F&A)

DIPR/CP/JA/2812/2023-24

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTER, Shankarapuram (64063)
NO. 13/1, 3rd Floor, BULL TEMPLE ROAD, OPP. SRI RAMA KRISHNA MUTT, BASAVANAGUDI, BANGALORE -560 004, Tel: 080 -25943006/25943007
Email : support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

File No: YLR/40406/HL/38, A/c No. : HL- 64135856938/64135857455

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **03.10.2023** calling upon the **borrowers : Shri.Ganesh** S/o. Mallikarjun and **Shri. Mallikarjun,** S/o. Late Huchaiah to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 10,67,414/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Fourteen only) as on 29.09.2023 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **29.12.2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an aggregate amount of **Rs. 11,02,458/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Eight only) as on 21.12.2023 + interest + expenses thereon.

The borrowers / mortgagor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Khata No. 42/27, situated at Gantakanadoddi Village, Kaggalahalli Grama Panchayath, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Main Road, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Thaku No.1, measuring East to West : 31 feet and North to South : 29 feet, standing in the name of Shri.Mallikarjun S/o.Late Huchaiah, vide Panchyat Partition Deed dated 05.07.2008 and **bounded on : East by :** Government Road, **West by :** House belongs to Sri. Puttaiah, **North by :** Property belongs to Siddaiah and thereafter 4 feet common passage, **South by :** Vacant Site of Sri. Boraiah.

Date : 29.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
RACPC Shankarpuram, Bengaluru.

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:	Address of the Branch :
Name : Sri. Binoy Kumar Shrivastava E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in Mobile No: 7506363390 Landline No.: 080 2594 3678, 2594 3663	STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173) #11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bangalore - 560002. Ph: 080 2594 3678, 2594 3663. Fax: 080 2594 3664, Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

APENDIX IV-A [See provison to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISON Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **07.02.2024** for recovery of **Rs. 1,77,78,153.48** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three and paise Forty Eight only) as on 26.12.2023 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **1. Sri K. Ravichandran** S/o. Sri G. Krishnan, **Prop. M/s. Aravind Traders,** No. 51/4, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, APMC Yard, Yashwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560022. Also, at No. 886, 19th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560070. **2. Sri C. Purushotham** (Deceased) S/o.Sri Chandran **(Guarantor) Legal Heirs of Guarantor : a) Smt. Pushpa** W/o. Late C. Purushothaman **b) Ranjith** S/o. Late C. Purushothaman, **c) Rekha** D/o. Late C. Purushothaman all are residing at No. 614, 2nd Main Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore - 560086 **(Borrower/ Guarantor).** The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under :-

Date & Time of E-Auction : 07.02.2024, 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., Last Date of EMD 06.02.2024.

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount
Rs. 2,78,40,000/-	Rs. 27,84,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/1009

Details of immovable properties mortgaged to the Bank : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing old Site No. 43/1, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 55, present Property No. 43/1-5, situated at 1st cross road, Muneshwarnagar, Revenue Layout, Kadirenahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and measuring: East to West: 50 feet, North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 2500 sq ft. and **bounded as follows : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Property belonging to Ashwathnarayana, **North by :** Road and South by : Property belonging to Poojari.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification. **On All Working Days between 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** with prior appointment. **Contact person : Mr. Manohar, : 7353931866**

Date : 29.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer
State Bank of India

कॅनरा बैंक Canara Bank — CANARA BANK

Branch :Sanjay Nagar-1 Branch, Bangalore

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 04.10.2023** calling upon the borrower **1)Shivanna K S s/o Seebaiah 2)Anasuya S W/o Shivanna K S** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.41,73,400.11/-(Rupees. Forty-one Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven paise only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 27th day of December of the year2023

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK for an amount of Rs.41,73,400.11/-(and interest thereon).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that is part and parcel of land and building situated at Mr Shivanna No .13,situated at no-9,2nd cross, 5thMain , KEB Layout , Bangalore-560094. Measuring from East to West 42ft and from North to South 30 ft . **Bounded:** on the **North by:** By site No 8, on the **South by:** By site No 10, on the **East by:** 30 Feet Road, on the **West by:** Site No 21

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 27.12.2023 **Canara Bank**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SE(E)/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-3/K-T6/23-24/4862 Dated: 29.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL Invites Bids for the following works: 1. Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/EE(O)/AEE-3/BRAZ/Earthmat-66kV Devanahalli/EPR-748 (Call-2) Dtd:15.11.2023 for Providing Additional Earthmat for Augmentation of 2X20MVA Power Transformers by 2X31.5MVA Power Transformers at 66/11kV Devanahalli substation, pertaining to TL&SS Division, KPTCL Doddaballapura coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Maintenance) Circle, BRAZ, KPTCL, Hebbal, Bengaluru on Total Turnkey Basis. (Two part tender on Percentage Basis) (Call-2).(KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_ INDENT 125/Call 2)

The Bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The detailed notification regarding the above tenders can be had by logging on to https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyper link 'e procurement KPTCL' or to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02.01.2024.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (El), Transmission (M), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru – 24. Telefax: 080-23415347.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.

Phone No : 08372-238782 Fax No. 08372-237268
E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com

No: EEPWDGDG PB- 1:Different Head : 2023-24/4163
Dated : 01-01-2024

Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of 11 work of total amount of Rs **-261.50** Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. **03.00** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **98.90** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW-1 2 & 3 through http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : **10-01-2024**, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **16-01-2024** (c) Opening of Technical Bid Date : **17-01-2024** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **18-01-2024**

Work Indent No : 7112. 7113, 5858-SC , 6612-SC, 6114-ST, 5487-SC, 6613-ST, 5946-SC, 5868-ST, 5849-ST & 5970

The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.

GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/417/2023-24

BELAGAVI SMART CITY LIMITED

1st Floor, BUDA Office, Ashok Nagar, Belagavi-590016.
Phone: 0831-2461352, E-mail: bscltd16@gmail.com, website: www.bscl.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender No: BSCL/Tender/2023-24 /980 Date: 01-01-2024

On behalf of the Managing Director Belagavi Smart City Limited Belagavi bids are invited from eligible bidders through E-Procurement for the below mentioned projects. Further details may be downloaded from the e-procurement website of Government of Karnataka (https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

1.The date from which document can be downloaded is: 03/01/2024 to 17/01/2024 up to 4.30 PM 2) Last Date for Submission of Bid 17/01/2024 Up to 5.30 PM, 3) Last Date to receive Technical Queries: 08/01/2024 Up to 5.00 PM, 4) Pre-Bid Meeting is on: 12/01/2024 @11:30AM at BSCL office, 5) Technical Bid Opening is on: 19/01/2024 At 11.00 AM., 6) Financial Bid Opening is on: 25/01/2024 At 11.00 AM.

Sl No:1:Name of Work:Development of road and other development works at shivabasav Nagar, Belagavi.,Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Crores) Approximate Value:1.62,EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs):2.45,Cost of Tender Document:As Per E-Portal, Category of Contractor:As per Bid Document,Sl No:2:Name of Work:Construction of Roads and Drains in Kakati with Street light pole, Belagavi.,Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Crores) Approximate Value:1.05,EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs:2.00,Cost of Tender Document:As Per E-Portal, Category of Contractor:As per Bid Document, Sl No:3:Name of Work:Development of roads with paver blocks along with drain, Street light pole in Vijay Nagar, Belagavi.,Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Crores) Approximate Value:1.63,EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs):2.45,Cost of Tender Document:As Per E-Portal, Category of Contractor:As per Bid Document,Sl No:4:Name of Work:Procurement and installation of water kiosk (02 Nos) and construction of 01 Bus shelter at Kakati in Belagavi city.,Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Crores) Approximate Value:0.32,EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs):0.63,Cost of Tender Document:As Per E-Portal,Category of Contractor:As per Bid Document, Sl No:5:Name of Work:Implementation of CCTV based Surveillance at Kakati Station Limits, Belagavi with 5 years Onsite Warranty and Support". , Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Crores) Approximate Value:-,EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs):0.59,Cost of Tender Document:As Per E-Portal,Category of Contractor:As per Bid Document

Sd/-Deputy General Manager (Procurement)
Belagavi Smart City Limited, Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-868/KSMCA/2023-24

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಮಂಮಪಾ/ಇಇ/ಪ್ರೀಮಿಯಂ ಎಫ್.ಎ.ಆರ್/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.12.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ E-PROCUREMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರೀಮಿಯಂ ಎಫ್.ಎಆರ್ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ WORK INDENT NO. 10043, 11092 ಗಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು **ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 17.01.2024 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/985/23-24 dt.01.01.2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, A Balaji Radhakrishnan. R/a No. 7, MEG JCOS Colony Corporation No 6 3rd Cross Vivekananda nagar Maruthisevanagar Post Bangalore -560033 (present owner), have lost the original Allotment Letter dated: 05-03-2002 in transit near my residence in respect of the schedule Property which stands in my name original allottee of A Balaji Radhakrishnan. and already lodged the complaint before the concerned Police Station authorities vide Lost report No.0857415/2023 Dt: 20/12/2023 and so far i have not yet responded for the same from the public.That i am also requested the public that if anybody trace the said document, please hand over the same to me or to the Police Station within 07 days of time

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

BDA Site No.1421, of Banashankari 6th stage 7th block measuring 9x12 meters bonded on
East by : Site No.1422 **West by** : Site No.1420
North by : 1514 **South by :** Road

A Balaji Radhakrishnan
Bangalore Mob: 9845082299

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, (1) **Mr. R.S. ASHWATH NARAYANA,** S/o Siddalingappa and (2) **Mrs. K.S. CHANDRAMATHI,** W/o late M.C. Narayana Gowda, while coming back to the residence of No. 1 of us, (i.e., Mr. R.S. Ashwath Narayana in Naranahalli) from our legal adviser's office at Doddaballapura lost a registered sale deed bearing Document No. 2345/1999-2000, registered in Book. No.1, Volume No. 2264 at pages 129 to 132 in the office of Sub-registrar at Doddaballapur.

In this regard, a complaint was already filed before SHO, Doddabelavangala PS and received Acknowledgement bearing Sakala. No. P0012S 230008640 before Karnataka police on 29-12-2023 Hence, we humbly request the person/s whoever having custody of the above said sale-deed may please return the same to the No. 1 of us (address mentioned below) or the station house officer (SHO) in Doddabelavangala Police Station, where the complaint in respect of the missing of the said sale deed was lodged.

Address: **R.S. ASHWATH NARAYANA,**
S/o late. Siddalingappa, Rameshwara (Village), Doddabelavangala (Hobli), Doddaballapar (Taluk), Bangalore Rural (Dist) Karnataka.
Mob: 9449966200.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. 903/SE(E)/Tr (W&M)/CIVIL/23-24/CYS-42 Date: 01.01.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for **Repair and Maintenance works** coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the **"Karnataka Public Procurement Portal"** mode can be obtained by logging on to **KPP Portal**'s website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidyuth Nagara, Karwar Road, Hubballi - 580 024. Ph: 0836-2203094.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank — **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Rajkumar Robinchocklingam/ Anitha Rajkumar/ Flat No A4 1902 Elita Promenade Jp Nagar 7th Phase Brigade Signal Bangalore- 560078/ LBBNG00004922985	(Schedule A Apartment) All That piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands in survey numbers 101/1-A (5 acres 13 guntas), 101/1-B (5 guntas), 101/2 (8 acres 17 guntas), 103/1 (6 acres), 104 (3 acres 33 guntas) and 105/5 (7 guntas), now bearing municipal No. 4506. situated in Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, together admeasuring 23 acres and 35 guntas, and butted and bounded as follows. On the East : Survey numbers 103/2, 102 and private property; On the West : Kothanur Village, portions of survey number 104, 101/1-B and105/5; On the North : Lake and survey number 102; On the South: Portions of survey number 104, 101/1-B, 105/5 and Road Schedule- B (Schedule B Apartment) 0.066% undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property admeasuring 688.73 square feet subject to measurement after completion of the residential complex. Schedule- C (Schedule C Apartment) A 3 (Three) bedroom apartment bearing no.02 on the 19th floor in the block/ wing A4 of the residential complex Elita Promenade constructed in the schedule A Property with vitrified floor having a super built up area of 1690 square feet (comprising a build up area of 1418.39 square feet inclusive of balconies utility space floors ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate common area of 271.61 square feet) along with one covered car parking space in the lower ground floor/ basement.	21/11/2023/ Rs. 91,20,228.00/-	04/07/ 2023
2.	V Sanjay Babu/ Usha V/ Flat No 404, SS Park View Third Floor, Chk Achhakattu,d No 118/7 7th Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085/ LBBNG00005352572	All that piece and parcel of the residential sites bearing New BBMP Katha No.813/343/29&30/20/20, site No.s 29 & 30, old Katha No.20/20, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now under the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No. 197. measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 60 feet, in total measuring 4800 sq.feet., with all the easements, rights and appurtenances attached therewith, which is bounded on: East By: Site No.28 West By: Site No.31 North By: Road South By: Site No.43, 44 & 45 Schedule: B (Description of the Apartment sold herein) All that piece and parcel of the Apartment/Fiat bearing No.G02, in the Ground Floor portion of the multi storied building named as "BL Pristine", put up over the Schedule 'A' Property containing a living room, 2 BHK, toilets and having a super builtup area of 1125 sq.ft., equipped with Vitrified Tiles flooring, Sanitary fittings & Electrical and other facilities with Flush Doors & with powder coated Aluminum Windows & Ventilators, Teak Wood frame with Engineered Veneer finish moulded door for Main Door, together with One (1) covered car parking slot in the stilt Floor of Schedule 'A' Property.	23/11/2023/ Rs. 40,02,580.00/-	02/09/ 2023
3.	Rahul Sharma/ Aditi Sharma/ Radhika Vihar Kamala Nagar Agra Agra- 282005/ LBBNG00003200769	All that piece and parcel of the immovable converted land falling under Survey Nos. 477/4, 478/A2, 478/A and 480/3 totally admeasuring 5 acres 14 gts situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore South and bounded on East: By Road West : By Land in Survey.No.477/2 and Survey No. 477/3 Survey.No.480/1 and 480/2 North : By Land in Survey No. 477/1 and Survey.No.478/A1 South : By Land in Survey No.483 Schedule "B" Property (Apartment) Residential Apartment described below in the Apartment complex known as "commune-1" together with common area, common facilities, common open space, common stair case, common water and sanitation, electricity, easement rights and appurtenances thereto. a. Apartment Type: 1BHK B. Apartment No: 10504 C. Floor: 5th d. Block: Tower- A e. Super Built up Area: 765.00 sq.ft f. Undivided Share of land in the "A" Scheduled Property: 279sq.ft g. Car Park (s) : 1	21/11/2023/ Rs. 26,38,884.00/-	30/08/ 2022
4.	Siddayya Mala/ Avinash B/ 684 51 2nd Cross Kanka Nagar Channapatna Ramanagar Karnataka Ramnagar- 562108/ LBBNG00005388986	(As described in the Loan document / property document covering All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Ward No.31, Municipal Khatha no.2871, Municipal no.684/51 Measuring East to West 41 ft & North to South 66 ft along with 750 Sq. Ft RCC roofing house. Situated at Halasinamaradadoddi 2nd Cross, Channapattana Town, Ramanagara District, and bounded on the North: Road South: Conservancy East: Puttaswamygowda House West: Mr.Channarajegowda Property,	29/11/2023/ Rs. 48,59,788.00/-	03/09/ 2023
5.	Manjunatha A/ Kavya S/ 88 2nd Venugopal Swamy Temple Road 1st Block Jakkasandra Bangalore - 560034/ LBBNG00006268953 & LBBNG00006369675	Property Address: Flat No.304, 3rd Floor Srk Orchids 1st C Main Road Ja, Ramangala, Na, Bangalore 560034. Item No.1 All That Piece And Parcel of the Southern Portion of the property No.9, Old PID No.68-327-9, New PID No. 151-W0349-2, situated at 1st "C" Main, Jakkasandra, Old Ward No.68, New Ward No. 151, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 80 feet and North to South: 38 feet, totally measuring 3040 sq.ft and bounded on theEast by : Private Property West by : Road North by : Item No.2 belonging to Donor No.2 South by: Property belonging to C.Muniramaiah Site No.4 Item No.2 All That Piece And Parcel of the Northern Portion of the property No.9/1, PID No.68-327-9/1, situated at 1" "C" Main, Jakkasandra, Old Ward No. 68, New Ward No. 151 Bangalore, measuring East to West: 80 feet and North to South: 38 feet, totally measuring 3040 sq.ft and bounded on the:- East by: Private Property West by: Road North by: Property belonging to A.Muniyellappa Site No.6 South by: Item No.1 belonging to Donor No.1 Schedule of The Property Entire Property All That Part And Parcel of the immovable property bearing No.9 and 9/1, situated at 1 "C" Main, Jakkasandra, Ward No.68, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 80 feet and North to South: 76 feet, totally measuring 6080 sq.ft and bounded on the:- East by: Private Property West by: Road North by: Property belonging to A. Muniyellappa Site No.6 South by: Property belonging to C.Muniramaiah Site No.4 Schedule 'B' Property An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property measuring to an extent of 241 Sq.ft. Schedule "C" Property 1. Flat/Apartment No: 304 (2 BHK) 2. New BBMP Khatha No Flat No : 9/1-7 (TF-0302) 3. PID No. : 68-327-9/1-7 4. Type of Flat: Residential 5. Floor: Third floor 6. Super Built up area : 1052 Sq.ft 7. Details of construction : R.C.C.Roofing, concrete block, Vitrified flooring, Honne wood doors with aluminium windows. 8. Other facilities: one car parking space in stilt floor 9.Name of the project: SRK Orchids Apartment	13/11/2023/ Rs. 36,32,882.00/-	03/08/ 2023
6.	Nawazpasha A/ Sumiya Taj Sa/ 21 Shankarappa Complex Konena Agrahara Hal Pos Karnataka Bangalore- 560017/ LBBNG00005248832	SCHEDULE 'A': (Description of Land on which Project is being developed) All that piece of land known as Plot No. R-6-Part of Hardware Sector at Hitech, Defence & Aerospace Park, Bengaluru, comprised in Sy. No. Parts of 177 (Block No. 2 & 7), 429, 430 & 463, within the village limits of Bagalur and Sy. No. 69/1 within the village limits of Village of Hoovinayakanahalli, Jala Hobil, Bengaluru North Yelehanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, containing by admeasurement 60704.00 Sqr. Mtrs or thereabouts and bounded as follows that is to say On or towards North by: Plot No. R-5 & R-8: On or towards South by: Plot No. R-6-P1 & SWD, On or towards East by : Road; and On or towards West by: Plot Nos. R-7 & R-8. Schedule B: (Description of the Undivided Share agreed to be sold) 646/1914257th undivided right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule "A" Property Schedule C (Description of the Apartment being Constructed) Residential Apartment bearing No. 3203, situated on 20th Floor, Tower No 3. Building No. 1 in "Prestige Finsbury Park- Hyde", being developed on Schedule 'A' Property, measuring 428 sq. ft. of carpet area and 646 sq. ft. of super built up area, (inclusive of proportionate share in all the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use) and with One car parking space in the basement.	29/11/2023/ Rs. 21,71,213.00/-	03/08/ 2023
7.	Chaitanya A Gajjar/ Nishita Chaitanya Gajjar/ Tower 7 7022 Prostige Tranquility Budigere Cross Flyover Bangalore Karnataka Bangalore- 560049/ LBBNG00004864323	Schedule A Property (Description of the composite property) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Khatha nos.48, 49, 50 & 51, issued by Bidrahalli panchyat office (Sy. No.24 measuring 26 guntas, Sy. No.23/1 measuring 2 acre 7 guntas, Sy. No.22/1 & 22/2 measuring 4 acre, and Sy. No.22/3 measuring 3 acre 15 guntas, totally measuring 10 acres 8 guntas (Approximately measuring 444312 8q.ft) of land converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose, situated at Kammasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on: East by: Road, West by : Sy. No. 25 26 & 27, North by : Sy.no.20 & 21, South by: Byappanhalli village boundary. Schedule-B An undivided of share, right title and interest equivalent to 18.93 8q.mts in Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule-C (Apartment to be constructed) All that piece and parcel of flat bearing No B2F0704 on the floor 07 and consisting of Two bedroom, hall, kitchen and proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use together with One Covered car park with a super built up area of 679.25 Sq ft in the building known as "Pashmina Brookwoods" to be constructed on Schedule "A" Property.	29/11/2023/ Rs. 26,45,800.00/-	03/08/ 2023
8.	Jagadish Rao C/ Rajeshwari Bai/ Chandroji Rao Marati Girmaji/ Srd Electronics And Home Appliances/ Girimaji Rao Compound Nagawara Main Road Ac Post Opp Bharath Studio Bangalore-560045/ LBBNG00003330806 & LBBNG00004842012 & LBBNG00005154306	Property:1 All that part and parcel of the Commercial Area F-1 (north west side) measuring 2269 sqft of super build up area in First Floor of Rajatha Greens Apartment along with undivided share in land 644.40 sqft. Three Car Parking lots allotted, with 25 sqft of undivided share in land shall be added for each car parking.(75 sqft. shall added in undivided share of land). The Rajatha Greens Apartment is situated on sy. no.5/1B, Bangalore North taluk, Kasaba Hobli, with BBMP katha No.171/5/1, Nagawara village, Nagawara Main Road, Arabic College Post, Bangalore - 45 bounded on the: East By : Corridor, West By : Road, North By : Donor's house South By : Drive way with open to sky. Property:2 All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.767, formed by Bengaluru Development Authority, BBMP Katha No.824/2584/767, situated at Hennur Bellary Road Layout, 1st Stage, 5th Block, Bengaluru measuring East to West: 12.20 Meters and North to South: 9.15 Meters totally measuring 111.63 Square Meters, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever here under or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on: East by : Road: West by : Site No.778: North by : Site No.766: South by : Site No.768:	09/11/2023/ Rs. 1,23,66, 075.00/-	10/07/ 2023
9.	Venkatesh K/ Shalini/ No 53 5th Cross Cholurapalya Bangalore North Magadi Road Near Banashakri Temple Karnataka Bangalore- 560023/ LBBNG00005197815	(As described in the Loan document / property document covering All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.01, Khatha No.1/22-566, measuring East to West (20.6 +27)/2 ft, and North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 950 Sq ft, along with 09 Sq RCC roofed House., Situated at, Hegganahalli Village Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, formerly Dasarahalli CMC limits presently Comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on the North: Road South: Site No.14 East: Road West: Site No.02	29/11/2023/ Rs. 32,25,790.00/-	03/08/ 2023
10.	Rao Dharala Prakash/ Anuradha Gupta/ Karnata Hoausing Board Suriya Nagar Fess 2 Higt No 1596 Sector A Bangalore-560042/ LBBNG00006093649	Property Address: Site No 1596 Sector A Lig Karnataka Housing Board, Suriya Nagar Phase 2, Edify School Hinnakki Village Jigni Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099 Schedule of Property All that portion of Residential Site Bearing No: 1596, Sector "A" Category: LIG developed by the Karnataka Housing Board, under Suvarna Karnataka Scheme and 225 Scheme situated at Suryanagara Phase-II, comprising of lands acquired by the Karnataka Housing Board in various survey number of Hinnakki Village, Jigani Hobli of Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. Measuring East to West: 09.00 Meters and North to South: 12.00 Meters in all measuring 108.00 Sq Meters Bounded on: East : Site No.1597 Lig. West: Site No.1595 Lig. North: Site No.1569 Lig. South: 9 Meter Wide Road.	22/11/2023/ Rs. 9,48,435.00/-	04/09/ 2023
11.	P Vanajakshamma/ 5th Cross Maruthi Nagara Tumkur Karnataka Tumkur- 572103/ LBBNG00006538342 & TBBNG00006522229	(As described in the Loan document / property document covering All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No.262/8726, Ward No.29, P.I.D No.89026, Measuring East to West 30 ft, and North to South 30 ft, total 900 Sq.ft site Situated at, Geddalahalli Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk and bounded on the. North: Road South: Property Belongs To Abdul Karim East: Property Belongs To Ramaiah West: Property belongs to Abdul Karim	22/11/2023/ Rs. 29,75,970.00/-	13/09/ 2023
12.	Lingaiah Geetha/ Shimoga Varadaraja/ No.7/37 Sri Varashakthi Road Shakthinagar Mysore- 570019/ LBMYS00005632024	(As described in the Loan document / property document covering All that piece and parcel of Residential Site bearing No. 23 situated at Jayalakshmipuram 2nd Block, Devaraja Mohalla, MYSORE, The extent being measuring East to West: 60.0 ft. and North to South: 120.0 ft. of vacant site is the subject matter of this sale. and bounded on: North: Property bearing No. 1. South: Road East: Property bearing No. 24. West: C.I.T.B. Land.	10/11/2023/ Rs. 1,02,47, 406.00/-	03/09/ 2023
13.	Amit Rai Dinkar/ Dinakar Lalchand Rai/ 72 13th Main 3rd Cross opposite Sapathaygiri Hospital A G B Layout Chikkabanavara Bangalore-560090/ LBBNG00004908957	Property Address: Flat No A2 09 11 Gm Ambitious Enclave 9th Flr Maragondanahalli Village Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore 560100 Schedule of The Property All the piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Sy No.53/1 measuring 3 Acres 07 guntas, Sy.No.53/2 measuring 3 Acres 04 guntas, Sy.No.54/1 measuring 35 guntas, Sy.No.54/2 measuring 32 guntas, Sy.No.54/3 measuring 32 guntas, Sy.No.54/4 measuring 32 guntas and Sy.No.54/5 measuring 32 guntas, in all admeasuring 10 Acres 14 guntas, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded as: On the East : Property in Sy. No.49 and Sy. No.50 On the West : Property in Sy.No.55 On the North : Property in Sy.No.52 and Sy.No.56 On the South : Property in Sy.No.155/9. Schedul E 'B' Property (Undivided Interest Agreed To Be Sold) 198 Sq. ft of Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' Property (apartment/flat Agreed To Be Constructed) A 3 BHK, residential Apartment bearing Flat No.A2-09-11 on the Ninth Floor of the Block 'A2', in the project known as "GM Ambitious Enclave" being built in Schedule 'A' Property and apartment having 990 Sq. Feet of super built up area which consisting of 643 Sq. ft of Carpet area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement / Stilt/Ground Level.	06/12/2023/ Rs. 33,22,832.00/-	29/09/ 2023
14.	Annu Kumari/ Bimlendu Kumar/ No B 411 Wilgon Vintageno 24 8th Main 1st Crosswilson Garden Bangalore- 560030/ LBBNG00004437682	Property Address: Flat No 724,second Floor,tulip Wing, Parth Gardenia Kodigenahalli Village Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore Sy No 164/1, Bangalore 560064 Schedule 'a' Property All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site Survey No. 164/1 duly converted by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore by its Order No. 48/06-07 dated 29-02-2008, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore falling under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore totally admeasuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas (Including 2 Guntas of Kharab Land) and bounded on the: East by : Property belonging to Sri. Srinivasaiah and Shri Byre Gowda West by : Property belonging to Thoti Inamthi Land Belonging to N.T.I. Housing Society North by : Road Leading to Kodige Halli - Thindlu South by : Raja Kaluve and Road Schedule-B An Undivided share in that Piece and Parcel of Schedule A Property, which works out to 0.374% i.e. 399 Sq.feet. Schedule-C All that piece and parcel of apartment known as "Parth Gardenia" constructed by developer and co-Developer in the Schedule 'A' Property Description of the Flat: 1) Name of the Wing : Tulip 2) Flat number : 724 3) Floor : Second 4) Type of Flat: Residential 5) Accommodation details : 3 bedrooms, Hall, Dining, Kitchen Bath Room and Toilet. 6) Super Built up area : 1800 Sq. Feet. 7) Corresponding Undivided Share in Land : 399 Sq. Feet. 8) Construction Specification : RCC roof, Wood Door and Window & Ceramic Floor. 9) Additional facility : inclusive of membership to club house. 10) Along with car parking: One Car Park in Stilt Floor.	06/12/2023/ Rs. 78,82,049.00/-	03/09/ 2023
15.	S Jayashree Naidu/ S Kaushik Naidu/ No 137 Bannerghatta Roadhulimavumuthuray Aswami Layout Bangalore- 560076/ LBBNG00005584362	Property Address: Flat No 302 2nd Floor Supreme Siganture Apartement Valegerahally Villagesignature Supreme Kengeri Hobli South Bangalore 560059 Schedule 'a' Property Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site Nos. 19, 20, 29 &30 in converted Sy.No. 118/2, Situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, converted vide conversion order No.ALN.SR.13/80-81, dated: 18/02/1982, bearing BBMP Khatha No. 295/1158/881/546/19, 20, 29, 30 measuring East to West 65 feet and North to South 95 feet in all measuring 6175 Sq.ft., now falling within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Sub-Division, Bangalore, which is bounded on: East by : Property No. 18 & 31, West by : 40 feet Road, North by : 30 feet Road, South by : Property No.14 & 15 Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site Nos. 17, 18, 31 &32 in converted Sy. No.118/2, Situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, converted vide conversion order No.ALN.SR.13/80-81, dated: 18/02/1982, BBMP Khatha No. 1158/546/881/17, 18, 31 & 32 measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 95 feet in all measuring 5700 Sq.ft., situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now falling within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Sub-Division, Bangalore, which is bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Property No's 19 and 30, North by : 30 Feet Road, South by : Property No's 15 and 16. Schedule 'B' Property An undivided share land measuring 423 Square feet, out of Schedule 'A' Property Schedule "C" Property All that piece and parcel of Flat No.302, in "Supreme Signature" situated in Second Floor, constructed in Schedule A Property, measuring 1210 Sq.ft., super built up area, R.C.C. Roof, with vitrified flooring, Cement and brick walls, Neem wood doors and steel windows, with all civic amenities, consisting of hall, Two bed rooms, kitchen and toilets with Balconies and common area, staircase along with one Car Parking etc., and bounded on: East by : Set Back, West by : Passage, North by: Set Back, South by: Passage,	06/12/2023/ Rs. 48,72,816.00/-	03/09/ 2023
16.	Satish Babu N/ Megha Satish/ 22 New Colony Cox Town Jeevanahalii Bangalore- 560005/ LBBNG00005785330	Property Address: Flat No 4113 Tower 4 11th Floor Prestige Lake Ridge, Subramanyapura Bangalore South, Bangalore 560061 Schedule Of The Property (Description of the Land on which Project is Developed) All that Property available within the four boundaries detailed below and measuring 10 Acres 37 Guntas in Sy.No.116, 03 Acres 36 Guntas in Sy.No.117 and 01 Acre 04 Guntas in Sy.No.115/2, in all totally measuring 15 Acres 37 Guntas (less area relinquished to Bangalore Development Authority), situated in Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide Order of The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing No.ALN.SR. (S)75/2000-01 dated 08/11/2000 and presently bearing Municipal No.2139/Sy. No. 115/2, 116, 117, Uttarahalli, Municipal Ward No.184 of Uttarahalli, Bangalore, in the records of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bounded by: East: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 115/2, 116 and 117; West : Road; North : Road; South Sy.No.55 of Gubbalala Village and Private Property Schedule 'b' Property (Description of the Undivided Share) 271 Sq. Feet of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Schedule "A" Property. Schedule 'c' Property (Description of the Apartment) All that Residential Apartment bearing No.4113, situated on Level/Floor-11, Tower-4 in the Project 'Prestige Lake Ridge', constructed on Schedule 'A' Property and Apartment measuring 457 Sq. Feet of Carpet Area and 204 Sq. Feet of proportionate share in common areas such as, lobbies, lifts, staircases and all other areas of common use and totally measuring 661 Sq. Feet of Super Built-up Area, with right to use One Covered Car Parking Space in the Lower/Upper Basement Floor and the Apartment is bounded by: East : Open towards Open Space in Tower-4 of 'prestige Lake Ridge'; West : Lobby/Staircase in Level/Floor-11 in Tower-4 of 'Prestige Lake Ridge': North: Open towards Open Space in Tower-4 of 'Prestige Lake Ridge'; South: Apartment No.4114/Lobby in Level/Floor-11 in Tower-4 of 'Prestige Lake Ridge'. The walls are built out of Solid Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and Vitrified/Ceramic Flooring and it has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The windows are of UPVC sliding Panels.	07/12/2023/ Rs. 29,98,528.00/-	27/09/ 2023
17.	Rupesh Srinivas/ S Umadevi/ 236 2nd Main Road SBI ATM Building Bangalore- 560030/ LBBNG00006381611	Property Address: Flat No 109 T G Arte Kudlu Village Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore 562125 Schedule of The Property All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 46/4 (old Sy.No. 46/3) measuring 1 Acre 19 Guntas, situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Converted vide Official Memorandum, dated 06.01.2011, bearing No. ALN.(A.)(S.H.):SR:123/08-09, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, presently bearing Khatha No. 72/46/4 in the records of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bounded on the: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 44 and Road; West by : Land bearing Sy.No. 46/2; North by : Land bearing Sy.No. 47; South by : Land bearing Sy.No. 46/3 Schedule "B" Property (undivided Share Hereby Conveyed) Undivided share, right, title, interest, and ownership in the land in Schedule "A" Property, which comes to 611.24 Sq. Ft.of share in the land in Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' Property (description Of Apartment) All that Residential 2 BHK Apartment bearing No 109 in First Floor of Block 'A' in 'T G ARTE' to be constructed in Schedule 'A' Property and apartment measuring 1180 Sq. Feet of super built up area and 873.2 Sq Feet of carpet area with right to use with One Car Parking Space and the said Apartment is bounded by: East by : Open Space, West by : Common Corridor, North by : Flat No A-108 South by :Flat No. A-110	06/12/2023/ Rs. 27,48,324.00/-	02/09/ 2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 02, 2024
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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— Ramnath Goenka

BOOST DOMESTIC RADAR CAPABILITY TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

THE northeast monsoon is Tamil Nadu's lifeline, but it has left the state battered this year. In some of its southern districts, the precipitation just went off the charts as 2023 came to a close. Tirunelveli district logged a 504 percent excess precipitation in December alone, followed by Thoothukudi with 454 percent variation. Such was the mayhem of weather that some pockets recorded the entire season's rainfall in a span of 24 hours. The extreme rainfall, a 100-year record for the state, has been one on a long list that extreme climate events that India encountered last year, which witnessed devastation in the Northeast, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh too. The country is just coming to terms with the mindboggling cost of such extreme events. A Reserve Bank paper last year estimated that the country lost a staggering $69 billion due to climate-related events in 2019. As Tamil Nadu pegs its flood losses at a staggering ₹21,692 crore, there is unanimity that India must bring more focus and resources to precise, localised weather forecasting.

Given the geography and demography, India must invest in improving Doppler weather radars (DWR) footprints across the country. DWR systems enable a substantially robust tracking of extreme weather events in specific geographies in real time. It helps reduce loss of lives and supports faster rescues. That is why the US— which encounters about 1,200 tornadoes every year and has lost assets running into billions of dollars—has a network of about 148 DWRs. Currently, India has a network of 39 DWRs, which is an improvement from such 15 systems across the country 10 years back. The Centre targets to take the number past 60 by 2025.

However, the country primarily depends on procuring DWR systems from US and European countries, besides having sourced from China in the past. To scale up the DWR footprint India has to boost domestic manufacturing, which requires substantial private investment. Only a handful of companies at present assemble the imported systems and need the handholding of the meteorological department and other space science institutions for technology. Now the Union earth sciences minister, Kiren Rijiju, has asserted that the country will take a leading role in climate studies and forecasting. To achieve this, the government has to facilitate a proper manufacturing ecosystem that can compete with the international market.

BIG SPORTING DECISIONS AWAIT IN THE NEW YEAR

THE folly of prediction is its usual lack of accuracy. Yet, every year we wake up and take this perilous journey. The year just past had almost been great on the field; but off it the year was punctuated with embarrassment and controversies. In 2024, the focus will again be on how India performs at two of the biggest stages. In terms of passion, the ICC Men's T20 World Cup tops it all. In terms of gauging India's standing as a sporting nation, it is the Paris Olympics.

The bigger challenge, however, will be for the Indian Cricket Board. India's most prolific opener in the white ball formats, Rohit Sharma, will be 37 in April. The all-format captain already is in the twilight of his career. He has not played T20 internationals since November 2022. He captained India at the ODI World Cup, where the team finished runners-up after winning 10 games. Middle-order batter and hard-hitting all-rounder Hardik Pandya has replaced him as the Mumbai Indians captain in this season's IPL. A change of guard in Indian cricket is considered more of an emotional task than a practical endeavour. It needs to be seen if the BCCI would announce Sharma's successor before the World Cup. The BCCI knows that a new captain should get enough time to settle down before a big event. Then there is the decision on India's greatest all-format batter Virat Kohli, who, at 35, is not growing younger. Whether he will be part of the T20 World Cup in the West Indies and US needs to be seen. That brings us to another Herculean task—bidding for the 2036 Olympics. The prime minister announced at the Mumbai IOC session that India would bid. Now, according to the IOC, though there is no timeframe to initiate the process of bidding, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the government have to show intent and initiate dialogues with the IOC. For that, the IOA needs to present the bid, and for that to happen they have to appoint a CEO, which the IOC had been insisting on.

India needs to show that they too can win medals at the Olympics. Paris could be the stage to turn the country's fortunes in Olympic sports. Medals in double figures would help boost the rising stature of sports in the country. Here is hoping for a decisive 2024.

QUICK TAKE

FINE LITTERERS IN HIMALAYAN REGION

THE 9-km Atal tunnel at Rohtang has given travellers access to Lahaul and Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh like never before. Traffic hit a peak this winter—the police reported almost 30,000 vehicle crossings on Christmas day and weary travellers posted videos of winding traffic jams at an altitude of 3,000 metres. This access has also made the ecologically fragile Himalayan region prone to irresponsible tourism. Pictures of plastic garbage mounds in Sissu, one of the first towns after the crossover from Manali, have started appearing. Heavy fines on litterers and continuous messaging on responsible tourism are needed to keep a balance between economic progress and ecological health.

Ram's return to his birthplace after five centuries would be momentous. The Ayodhya temple should not be seen through political binaries, but as civilisational renaissance

WHEN THE SOUL OF A CIVILISATION FINDS UTTERANCE

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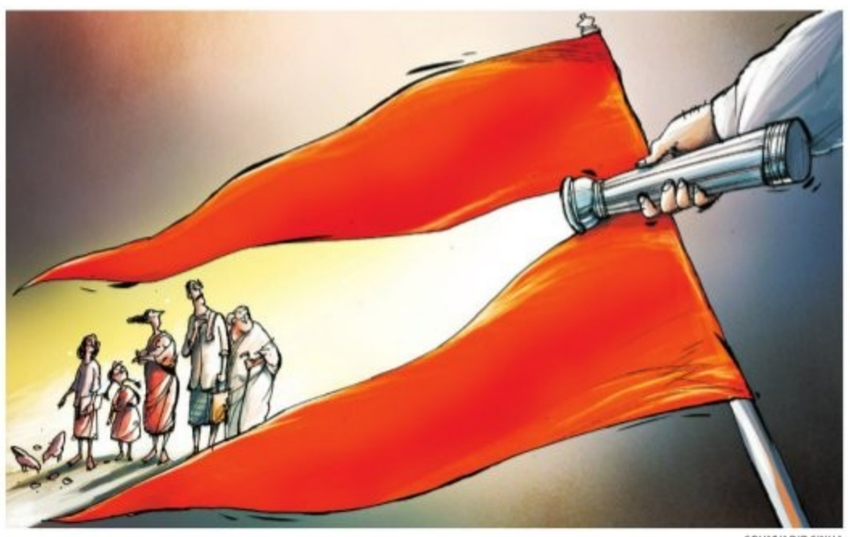

SOUMYADIP SINHA

AS January 22 approaches, an unprecedented fervour grips the nation as we prepare for the inauguration of the Ram mandir in Ayodhya. While all the competitive politics surrounding it, especially in an election year, is inevitable and also insignificant for several of us, a confident expression of hope and faith for a multitude of common Indians who have no overt political or ideological tilts is unmissable. It is truly an epochal moment when the soul of a civilisation long suppressed seems to be finally finding utterance—75 years after the nation found that voice. Mass prayers and lighting of lamps across temples in cities and villages, marathon chanting sprees, people placing earthen lamps in front of their homes to commemorate the return of Ram from his exile—everyone being that proverbial squirrel that did its tiny bit in building Ram's ambitious bridge to Lanka.

For the longest time, a Hindu was called upon to look at herself with sheer apologia, and made to believe that we were a rootless civilisation that ran merely on a sterile codification of laws. Every other community in India could proudly wear its identity and faith on their sleeve. But for a Hindu to do so was deemed regressive and communal. Hindus are hammered with hysterical harangues of them having a disaggregated faith that did not believe in congregation—their *teerth yatras* and *shahi snaans* notwithstanding. Hence their expression of their faith had to be muted. After all, making the minorities comfortable was the only goal of Indian secularism as was perversely practiced. This belief has received a massive jolt with the upcoming inauguration.

Much is known now about the history of the Ayodhya case itself. It is a testimony of 500 years of dogged resilience that Hindus showed to reclaim one of their holiest spaces. Foreign travellers and British administrators, from William Finch, Thomas Herbert, Joseph Tieffenthaler, Robert Montgomery Martin and several others recounted how, despite its destruction by Babar, the shrine received the quiet adoration of devout Hindus. From the efforts of the Marathas and Nihang Sikhs to numerous litigations that went on in British courts since 1858, the desire to consecrate a grand Ram temple here is not a recent phenomenon. The wealth of literary, historical and legal proofs, as also archaeological evidence that emerged through the Archaeological Survey adds further credence. That it was always called Masjid-e-Janamsthan and not Babri Masjid was a further giveaway as to whose birthplace it was commemorating.

Yet Hindus had to wait patiently for five centuries and, even after freedom, go through tortuous legal processes to get back what was rightfully theirs. Today, when that cherished dream is being realised, we are asked not to celebrate it too much. In a way, the Ayodhya consecration demolishes for good this very warped Nehruvian idea of India where the ancient had to be eased out and replaced with a new India that had a tenuous connection with its past at best.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

The Somnath flashpoint was a case in point where Nehru frowned on the exercise as being Hindu-revivalist and one that would affect his government's secular image abroad. He even prevailed upon President Rajendra Prasad not to participate in the inauguration. Nehru would have rather restored and given the temple away to the ASI than reinstall the *jyotirlinga*. The past was good to be appreciated as a fossilised museum piece, but never as a living tradition. Consequently, Hindu holy sites, especially in North India—be it Ayodhya, Kashi, Vrindavan, Prayag, Gaya or Mathura—languished in utter squalor with no significant infrastructure, sanitation or tourism facilities.

The biggest irony is that the same 'secular' state has no qualms in controlling only Hindu temples and educational institutions. Governments of just 10 states control more than 110,000 temples, with the Tamil Nadu temple trusts owning 478,000 acres of temple land and controlling 36,425 temples and 56 mutts. All other minority institutions have the rights to own and manage their religious and educational institutions in a secular India. Draconian laws like the Places of Worship Act of 1991 prevents Hindus from even seeking peaceful, legal reclaim of what has been forcibly snatched from them. Which justice-abiding democracy in the world would have such provisions?

Even in Muslim countries, mosques are routinely displaced for mundane needs like widening roads or laying railway lines. But in India, the albatross of secularism always rests on Hindu shoulders. Appropriating the resources of Hindu institutions does not compromise constitutional moralities, but the prime minister inaugurating an iconic temple shatters the ever-fragile warp and weft of our secularism.

The Ayodhya inauguration is also a blow to the pernicious role played by ideologically-driven historians who blatantly lied in court and got away with no repercussions. As K K Muhammad, former regional director (north) of ASI, who was part of the Ayodhya survey, reveals that these dubious historians brainwashed the Muslim community, which was conciliatory initially, and instilled false hopes that they would manufacture evidence in their favour.

Unsubstantiated propaganda was passed off as history in several cases, including Kashi Vishwanath, by Congressmen such as Pattabhi Sitaramayya or Bishambhar Nath Pande. Marxist historians such as Gargi Chakravartty and K N Panikkar claimed Aurangzeb destroyed the temple not of his own will, but on the advice of Hindu rajas who were outraged by priests molesting the Rani of Kutch. Demonise the Brahmin, undermine Hindu faith, whitewash and act as apologists for Islamic bigots was a clear pattern of Nehruvian secular historiography. This stands delegitimised today

For a meta-civilisational hero like Ram, who inspires adulation and reverence across nations, be it Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia or Thailand; where art forms, murals, dance dramas are inspired by his life story, to not have a grand temple at his believed birthplace was a national shame. This is being rectified now.

At the height of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, V S Naipaul saw it as "a new, historical awakening" of "Indians becoming alive to their history" and "beginning to understand that there has been a great vandalising of India". On this momentous occasion, when Ram returns to his birth town from a 500-year exile, commentators looking at this in juvenile binaries of temple versus employment or BJP vs non-BJP are infantilising this genuine civilisational renaissance. India has long slipped from the iron fists of Nehruvians and their assorted elite clubs of courtiers. To wake up to this reality will do them all a tonne of good.

(Views are personal)

BANGLADESH POLL POSES NEW CHALLENGES FOR INDIA

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BANGLADESH'S January 7 elections 7 elections are headed for a predictable outcome because the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has refused to participate. Its longtime ally, the pro-Pakistan Jamaat-e-Islami, has failed to regain registration as a legitimate political party after its appeal was defeated in court by rights activist Tania Amir representing the moderate Tarikat Foundation. But uncertainties abound in the post-election scenario, some of it less than savoury for India.

Fearing the adverse global impact over another opposition-less election and in a vain attempt to deflect Western pressure over "murder of democracy" charges, PM Sheikh Hasina decided to allow Awami League dissidents, who missed out on official party nomination, to contest as 'independents'. But the veneer of competition was washed away when the Awami League agreed not to field candidates in 26 seats against the Jatiya Party (JP) and against its leftist allies in another seven seats.

An assessment by intelligence agencies point to a cakewalk for Awami League candidates in 174 seats in the 300-member House, in 76 of which there are no 'independents' either. This brings back the spectre of the controversial 2014 polls when 153 Awami League were elected unopposed. The 2018-19 polls were not much different after the BNP pulled out halfway alleging electoral fraud. But the agencies predict a stiff fight in 110 seats between official Awami League candidates and its independents.

JP and Left candidates are likely to lose quite a few of their seats because they face formidable Awami League independents such as the several-times MP Mir Mostaque Ahmed Robi, a 1971 naval commando who did not get official nomination on the bidding of a powerful Islamist lobby within Awami League led by Hasina's all-powerful adviser Salman F Rahman. This is despite Rahman's company Beximco figuring at the top of the charts in bank defaults.

Unlike Robi, most Awami League candidates seem to have managed JP and other smaller-party candidates such as Asadul Islam Tito with money power. Tito's name figured prominently in stock market scams. His seat was denied to heavyweight leader Tarana Halim despite her huge popularity. Like Robi, Rahman targeted her because of her strong anti-fundamentalist politics—her slogan is "*Amar mati, amar ma, Pakistan hobe na* (My land, my mother, won't become Pakistan)."

Halim is founder chairperson of the party's cultural front and her refusal to clear Beximco's shady proposals during her 2015-16 tenure as telecom minister has made her a long-term target for Rahman, who has reportedly managed to secure nearly 100 nominations for his camp followers—either with strong fundamentalist background or from the emerging pro-China trader lobby. Many feel this is his first big step towards a senior position in a future Hasina Cabinet.

AFP

The Awami League that is likely to win the January 7 elections is not the same India-friendly, anti-fundamentalist party that it was a decade or so ago. It has given more tickets to pro-China traders, is under increasing Islamist influence, and the country has become a kleptocracy under its watch

Rahman's trump card is his son Shayon's business partnership with Hasina's son Sajeeb Wajed Joy, who is now under US government scanner over the purchase of multiple properties that are clearly disproportionate to Joy's known sources of income in Bangladesh and the US.

It is a precarious dilemma for India because it is having to back a changed Awami League where pro-Indian secularist elements have been systematically marginalised by the Rahman-led Islamist lobby. China's influence has grown, too, after traders with strong Chinese links got more nominations. With India engaged in a tussle with its strategic partner US, which wants Hasina's ouster, its influence over Hasina is at an all-time low. Delhi has only itself to blame, having missed out on an opportunity to create a pro-liberation platform during the Shahbagh agitations, which could have been converted into a party that would give India a viable alternative to Awami League without having to repeat the disastrous 2001 backing of the BNP-Jamaat coalition.

India is now having to back an increasingly autocratic regime with little democratic credentials that gets it into tussle with the West This comes after Hasina showed clear indications that she fancied the Chinese one-party model over the Indian multi-party democracy. The Chinese model draws strength from economic growth and passing down of prosperity which Bangladesh initially followed during former Finance Minister A M A Muhith's tenure, but under Rahman's influence has slid towards kleptocracy. We may see a repeat of Sri Lanka, Maldives and Nepal—except that in Bangladesh the party in power may continue to be identified as pro-Indian for historical reasons.

India also has to weigh in for other possible less-than-welcome scenarios like opposition violence, destabilising US moves like sanctions, visa restrictions or attempts to cut down the Bangladesh army's participation in UN peacekeeping. The army battalions that are to be deployed on poll duty on January 3 are mostly commanded by officers recruited during the 2001-06 BNP-Jamaat era. The fallout of all this on the country's economy will surely worry India.

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Nitish's ambitions

Ref: *JD(U) powerpoint and the Nitish trust deficit in opposition* (Jan 1). JD(U) is mired in internal squabbles and Nitish Kumar is in a vulnerable position. His personal charisma is a plus point but his prime ministerial aspirations are misplaced. He does not command a majority in his own state. He has to set his own house in order before nurturing national ambitions.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Protecting ourselves

Ref: *Protecting the individual from the AI* (Jan 1). Though AI can simplify and solve a lot of our problems, it has the potential to create havoc in society. Human consciousness, which can prevent machines from overshadowing us, can mitigate the chaos created by the AI.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Party's enemy

Ref: *Sudheeran remains strident in his criticism of Cong state leadership* (Jan 1). Congressmen' habit of one-upmanship and squabbling in public is no longer news in Kerala. As long as they try to outsmart each other, they will not only be their own worst enemy but also the party's.
C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

INDIA strategy

Ref: *INDIA says 'we're ready' to take on NDA* (Jan 1). Victories registered by the Congress in Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Telangana can be attributed to the anti-incumbency that the party capitalised on. INDIA will be ready to take on NDA only when a decision is taken on amicable seat sharing, prime ministerial candidate and a common programme that should be better than what NDA can offer.
Venkat Desikan, email

Public confidence

Ref: *How to catalyse Karnataka police* (Jan 1). It was interesting to read that the former director general and inspector general of police have listed out ways to improve policing in Karnataka. He has sidestepped the issue of corruption, which directly contributes to the lack of public confidence in the police force.
Srinivasan S K, email

Ending wars

Ref: *Israel, Gaza end dark year with no end in sight to war* (Jan 1). The declaration by Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu that the war will last long is sad news. The Russia-Ukraine war will be reaching its second anniversary and there seems little scope for its end too. People are becoming pessimistic about the role of the UN.
R Sridharan, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Amit Shah @AmitShah
Congratulations to ISRO scientists on the historic launch of specialised astronomy observatory satellite XPoSat to study black holes and neutron stars in our galaxy.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Modi govt should stop weaponising technology, especially Aadhaar to deny the most vulnerable Indians their social welfare benefits, release delayed wage payments (under MNREGA)

Saket Gokhale @SaketGokhale
Truth is BJP has zero regard for Hinduism. When it comes to glorifying Modi for political benefits, they have no issues in belittling Hinduism.

'Cong confused over attending mandir event'

In '24 polls, BJP will focus on welfare works carried out by Modi govt, says Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi

AS THE Narendra Modi government is gearing up to inaugurate Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on January 22, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coals & Mines, **Pralhad Joshi**, speaks to **Ashwini M Sripad** about the Congress take on the temple inauguration. He also speaks about suspension of MPs during the recently concluded winter session of Parliament and also the BJP's prospects in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Sixty-one-year-old Joshi, who represents Dharwad constituency in the Lok Sabha, also spoke about the Siddaramiah government in Karnataka and the guarantees that were part of the poll campaign promises.

Excerpts:

Will the Congress leaders who were invited to attend the consecration of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya come?
The Congress is as confused as its leader Rahul Gandhi. I am not an astrologer to tell whether they will attend or not. But these are the same people who opposed the very existence of Lord Ram and existence of the temple some time back. If these leaders attend Ram Mandir consecration, they are in dilemma — what the minority voters would think. They fear losing their votes, and if they don't attend, then the dilemma is what the majority will say. This is why I said they are in state of confusion.

Two people were arrested from Karnataka after 30 years of taking part in the Ram Janmabhoomi struggle in 1992. What do you have to say about it?
This is nothing but their appeasement politics. This is why I said they are confused. What was the need to arrest them now after 30 years? They were in power for many years in the last 30 years. Why now?

What are the prospects for BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls?
In Karnataka, we had won 25 seats in the previous Lok Sabha polls, and we are confident of retaining the same numbers. In South Indian states, our tally will increase compared to the previous times. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, our vote share will increase, and this time, we are sure that the BJP will open an account in Tamil Nadu. Independently, the BJP alone will cross 350 and it will be much higher than previous times.

What do you have to say about suspension of MPs during the recent Parliament session?
These MPs were suspended only for the session. When the session got over, their suspension got over, too. They did it deliberately, purposely. They wanted to divert attention from core issues. At present, there is an air in favour of the BJP, which is being highlighted. The three laws we initiated, including triple talaq and Article 370, they are not able to take it as the people are discussing it. They don't want this to happen, where the people talk positively about the BJP. That is why they are trying to create such a nuisance and divert from the issue.

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Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coals & Mines

What are your poll plans?
Our poll plans are clear. We are fighting the elections on development issues and it is our agenda. PM Modi's leadership will be our face.

What is the status of the case of Parliament security breach?
I am yet to get the latest status. I am away from Delhi now.

When is the BJP going to announce the names of candidates for the Lok Sabha polls?
We are going to announce the names well in advance this time. Ours is democratic party and all due processes will be followed.

What is your opinion about the new BJP leadership in Karnataka, including new state president BY Vijayendra and the Leaders of Opposition in the Assembly and Council?
They will help us get 25 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka.

How is the JDS alliance in Karnataka working out for the BJP?
They have a good presence, especially in a few districts in the old Mysuru region, which will help us and the JDS as well.

What do you have to say about guarantee schemes in Karnataka?
By taking this, they (Congress) are unable to take up development work (in Karnataka). They have cheated the people, and because of that they came to power. But now they are not able to implement as they promised. They are going to lose badly soon in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, and their downfall will start there.

Four senior officers assume new roles in Army and Navy

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army witnessed significant changes in its senior leadership on Monday.

Lieutenant General RC Tiwari took charge of the crucial Rising Sun Eastern Command, based in Kolkata. Tiwari, a graduate of the National Defence Academy and a Kumaon regiment veteran since 1987, succeeded Lieutenant General RP Kalita, who retired on December 31. Prior to this, Tiwari commanded the Uttar Bharat Area and the Dimapur-based 3 Corps, known as Spear Corps, under the Eastern Command.

The Eastern Command is one of the six operational commands in the Indian Army and manages a 1,346 kilometre stretch of the Line of Actual Control, including areas in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

Another significant change occurred in the Army as Lieutenant General Prit Pal Singh, commissioned into the 62 Armoured Regiment in December 1989, assumed command of the Sudarshan Chakra Corps (19 Corps) headquartered in Mathura, replacing Lieutenant General Vipul Shinghal. This Corps is a crucial strike formation.

In the Indian Navy, Vice-Admiral B Sivakumar assumed the role of Controller Warship Production and Acquisition, with a notable background in indigenous warship production. He joined the Indian Navy in 1987 as an electrical officer and previously served as programme director for the HQ Advanced Technology Vehicle Project in New Delhi, related to India's Arihant class nuclear ballistic missile submarine production.

Vice-Admiral Kiran Deshmukh took charge as the Chief of Material of the Navy. He was commissioned as an engineer officer in March 1986. During his tenure as controller warship production and acquisition, the first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier was commissioned, and the first Light Combat Aircraft landed onboard the indigenous aircraft carrier.

New appointments

In the Army, Lieutenant General RC Tiwari took charge of the crucial Rising Sun Eastern Command based in Kolkata, while Lieutenant General Prit Pal Singh assumed command of the Sudarshan Chakra Corps headquartered in Mathura. In the Navy, Vice-Admiral B Sivakumar assumed the role of Controller Warship Production and Acquisition, while Vice-Admiral Kiran Deshmukh took charge as the Chief of Material.

CJI backs collegium, says no comment on Art 370 & same-sex marriage orders

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud on Monday defended the collegium system for appointment of judges to Constitutional Courts. He also refused to comment on the criticisms of the recent verdicts related to Article 370 and same sex marriage.

"I am here to protect the Constitution and its rights. The outcome of a case is never personal to a judge and I have no regrets," he told a news agency.

He vehemently denied all allegations about any kind of lack of transparency and accountability in the collegium system for appointment of judges. "The collegium system is absolutely fine. I have nothing to say against those who question this," he said.

The CJI, however, accepted the fact that the queer couples fought a "long and hard battle" for realisation of their rights. But since judges do not associate themselves with a cause, and having decided the case now, he said he has left it at that. "I leave it for the future of our society to judge which course to take," he said.

On abrogation of Article 370, he said that there may be criticisms of the verdict, but let it be. "I have always maintained the values of Constitution and its principles," the CJI said.

On the allocation and listing of cases, he said that to maintain the credibility of the highest court, he ensures that the allocation of cases to benches is not "lawyer-driven".

ALSO IN TOP COURT

PIL challenges new criminal laws

A PIL has been filed by lawyer Vishal Tiwari on Monday challenging the three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Act — passed by the Parliament that replaced the old colonial-era laws.

Fugitive gangster Goldy Brar declared terrorist under UAPA

UJWAL JALALI & HARPREET BAJWA @ New Delhi/ Chandigarh

THE Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday declared fugitive gangster Satinderjit Singh alias Goldy Brar, 29, as a designated terrorist under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Brar is a Canada-based gangster and an alleged mastermind of the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala. He is also a member of proscribed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).

The Canadian government has also named Brar among the top 25 wanted criminals.

The ministry said in a notification that Brar lives in Canada's Brampton. In June, 2022, a Red Corner Notice was issued by Interpol against him at CBI's request. "Brar backed by a cross-border agency, is involved in multiple killings and professes radical ideology," reads the notification. "He made threatening calls to pro-nationalist leaders, demanding ransom and posting the claims of killings on social media. He has been involved in smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives through drones from across the border."

Moosewala killing

Goldy Brar is allegedly involved in the killing of Punjabi singer Siddhu Moosewala. "Brar, backed by a cross-border agency, is involved in multiple killings and professes radical ideology," reads the MHA notification. "He made threatening calls to pro-nationalist leaders, demanding ransom and posting the claims of killings on social media. He has been involved in smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives through drones from across the border," the notification said.

The CBI had written to Interpol against Brar on the basis of two cases — a November 2020 Faridkot shootout and the murder of Gurlal Singh Bhalwan, Faridkot District Youth Congress president and a Zilla Parishad member from Golewala, Punjab. In both cases, Punjab Police filed a chargesheet on November 12, 2021, and November 22.

Six months later, on May 30, 2022, a day after Moosewala was brutally killed, the CBI received a letter from Punjab Police seeking a Red Corner Notice for the extradition of gangster Brar from Canada.

Son of a former policeman, Brar is also a key member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. He fled to Canada in 2017 on a student visa despite a dozen cases being lodged against him. In 2012, at the age of 18 years, he was first booked on charges of endangering life or safety of others in a case involving a clash between two groups.

The notification on Brar comes a day after MHA designated another gangster-turned-terrorist Lakhbir Singh Landa, a Canada-based BKI member, as an individual terrorist under the UAPA.

Landa, too, is allegedly backed by a cross-border agency and is involved in a terror attack through shoulder-mounted rocket-propelled grenade on the building of Punjab intelligence headquarters in Mohali.

India, Pak exchange lists of prisoners, fishermen and nuclear installations

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IN a biannual exchange of prisoner lists, India and Pakistan have communicated the details of incarcerated individuals. India submitted a catalogue comprising 418 prisoners imprisoned in Pakistan, comprising 317 civilians and 81 fishermen, while Pakistan reciprocated with a list of 231 prisoners detained in India. This practice, mandated by the 2008 Agreement on Consular Access, occurs on January 1 and July 1 each year through diplomatic channels in New Delhi and Islamabad.

India emphasised the need for the prompt release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, missing Indian defence personnel, and fishermen, alongside their seized boats, from Pakistan's custody. They urged Pakistan to expedite the release of 184 Indian fishermen who have completed their sentences and provide immediate consular access to the remaining 12 civilian prisoners believed to be Indian. The Ministry of External Affairs called on Pakistan to ensure the safety and welfare of all Indian and believed-to-be Indian prisoners and fishermen.

In another diplomatic exchange, India and Pakistan shared the list of nuclear installations and facilities covered by the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities, signed in 1988. This annual practice, initiated in 1992, reaffirms their commitment to the agreement. However, despite occasional diplomatic efforts, strained relations between the two countries, stemming from events like the 2008 Mumbai attacks, persist.

India has called for early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, missing Indian defence personnel, and fishermen

Ministry of External Affairs

Annual exchange

The two countries shared the list of nuclear installations and facilities covered by the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities.

'Army should win back Gujjars to contain militancy'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Army needs to go back to the drawing board and review the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on counter insurgency operations in Poonch and Rajouri areas, retired Lieutenant General Deependra Singh Hooda told this paper.

Regarding the spike in Army and civilian casualties due to militancy in the Pir Panjal region, the former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Northern Command said that there seems to be a disconnect between the civilians — the tribal Gujjars-Bakharwals — and the Army because of which ground intelligence on infiltration of foreign terrorists is drying up.

"There seems to be some laxity in procedures, which may have developed during the long militancy-free period (Poonch, Rajouri were declared militancy free by the Jammu and Kashmir police in 2011). How much did we lose out on the local connect when nothing was happening?" asked the Army veteran.

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Lt Gen DS Hoods (retired)

"There are stringent counter insurgency SOPs. Besides revamping ground intelligence, and investing in sources and assets who give us actionable intelligence, the Army needs to review the SOPs on movement of troops, whether they need additional troops in the region along with better protected bullet-proof vehicles," he said.

While the Kashmir Valley has been quiet, there has been a spate of terrorist activities in the Poonch-Rajouri region since 2021, in which the Army bore the maximum number of casualties. On December 21, four soldiers died and three others were injured when their vehicles were ambushed by terrorists at Dhatyar Morh in the Surankote area of Poonch.

Following the attack, three Gujjar tribals, who were allegedly picked up by the Army for questioning, were found dead near the attack site the next day, which infuriated the Gujjar-Bakerwal community. The mobile internet was shut down after the incident.

On December 24, the Army, in a swift damage control measure, removed the brigade commander and three other officers of 13 Rashtriya Rifles and the Jammu and Kashmir police registered an FIR against unknown persons under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code for murder. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accompanied by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande on December 27 visited Poonch sector to review the security situation and visited the families of the three deceased civilians and assured them speedy justice.

"Gujjar-Bakharwals are nomads and have traditionally supported the Indian Army and have been one of the biggest reasons behind the roll back of insurgency from Jammu," said the Army veteran. Rukhsana Kausar KC, a young Gujjar woman from Upper Kalsi, had shot down a Lashkar-e-Toiba militant in Rajouri district in 2009.

Throughout the year, these nomadic communities move along with their herds of sheep between the Kashmir Valley and Poonch, Rajouri in Pir Panjal belt and carry very useful information. "There is an urgent need to build back the old connection with the community. They are the eyes and ears of the Army," Hooda said.

IMD predicts below-normal cold wave days in central India for Jan-Mar period

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE India Meteorological Department on Monday forecast cold wave days for the central part of the country over the next three months starting January. During the period, the temperature is also likely to be above normal minimum, it said.

Notably, the cold wave starts when minimum temperature plunges to 4°C or less, and termed 'severe' cold wave when it dips to 2°C or below. The condition should continue for three straight days for it to be considered as one cold wave event.

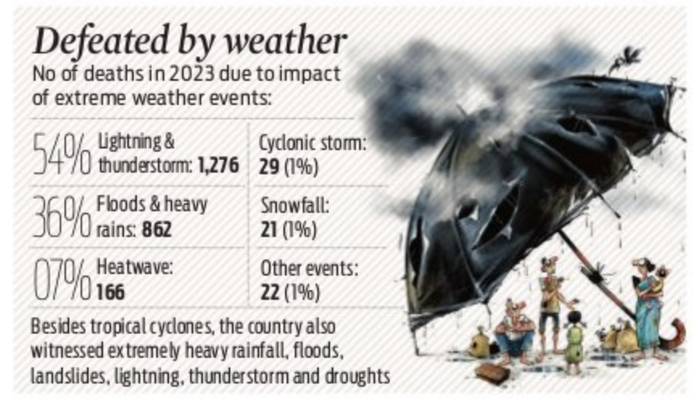
The below normal cold wave days means this season there would be lesser number of cold wave days than the previous year's winter, the IMD said.

Above normal rainfall is likely over most parts of the country except some pockets of north and northeast India.

According to Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General, IMD, "India's wheat growing region didn't receive enough rainfall till December but the deficit will be made up in upcoming months with above normal rainfall, which will also help the crop."

Interestingly, the maximum and minimum temperatures in the country are preternatural. The minimum temperatures are above normal while maximum temperatures are below normal. Most of the northern region has minimum temperatures above 2-4°C. Similarly, the maximum temperatures are -1°C to -7°C below the normal temperatures.

As per the IMD, El Nino is expected through the northern hemisphere winter 2023-24. A transition to ENSO-neutral is anticipated in April-June 2024.


Defeated by weather
No of deaths in 2023 due to impact of extreme weather events:
54% Lightning & thunderstorm: 1,276
Cyclonic storm: 29 (1%)
36% Floods & heavy rains: 862
Snowfall: 21 (1%)
07% Heatwave: 166
Other events: 22 (1%)
Besides tropical cyclones, the country also witnessed extremely heavy rainfall, floods, landslides, lightning, thunderstorm and droughts

MLA RESIGNS

Ruling JMM MLA Sarfaraz Ahmad has resigned from the Jharkhand Assembly, according to a notification issued on Monday. However, no reason was cited in the notification as to why he put it in his papers.

3 DIE OF SUICIDE IN GUJARAT'S MORBI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

1ST DAY, 1ST SHOW

India welcomes New Year with enthusiasm and religious fervour. Here are vignettes of celebrations across the country:

MORNING AARTI 1

RUSH AT GOLDEN TEMPLE 2

MYSURU GLITTERS 3

ODE TO SUN TEMPLE 4

NEW HOPES, ASPIRATIONS 5

THE TAJ FOREVER 6

(1) A priest performs aarti on the first sunrise of 2024 in Prayagraj (2) 5 lakh devotees visited the Golden Temple (3) Fireworks at the Mysuru Palace (4) Volunteers set a Guinness World Record for the largest 'Surya Namaskar' in Gujarat (5 & 6) Celebrations in Ahmedabad and Agra | **PTI**

■ To cost ₹450 to Ujjwala beneficiaries and BPL families in Rajasthan ■ New BJP govt in Madhya Pradesh faces first major protests

Part of poll promise, prices of gas cylinders slashed

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

IN prelude to the parliamentary polls due early this year, the newly elected BJP government in Rajasthan has announced a New Year's gift for the state keeping in line with its electoral promises. The party is set to implement a substantial reduction in the prices of gas cylinders for beneficiaries under the Ujjwala scheme and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. The cylinders will now be available at a nominal price of ₹450. The rate set by the previous Gehlot government was ₹500 which kicked in just before the state Assembly polls.

During the BJP campaign, Prime Minister Modi, had committed to providing gas cylinders at a price of ₹450, a move aimed at outdoing the previous government's initiative. The implementation of this pledge falls under the Centre's Ujjwala Scheme.

In an official statement, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma declared the BJP government's commitment to fulfilling all promises outlined in the resolution letter. He emphasized that this guarantee, endorsed by Prime Minister Modi, would come into effect starting this January.

Former CM Vasundhara Raje wrote on her social media account: "The promise is being fulfilled... thanks to the BJP government." The financial implications of the decision are significant with the additional burden of ₹ 52 crore per month. Currently, oil and gas companies provide a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for ₹906, with a subsidy of ₹ 300 granted to Ujjwala connection holders by the Centre. Consumers are required to pay the full amount at the time of purchase, and the government later transfers the subsidy amount to their accounts. For instance, if a consumer pays ₹903 for refilling the cylinder, the Rajasthan government will deposit ₹453 into their bank account, effectively reducing the cost to ₹450.

Rajasthan currently has 70 lakh Ujjwala and BPL connection holders, with around 66 lakh falling under the Ujjwala category and 4 lakh as BPL connection holders. Following the central government's subsidy of ₹300 to Ujjwala connection holders, the state will provide a subsidy of ₹156.

Keeping voters happy

If a consumer pays ₹903 for refilling the cylinder, the Rajasthan government will deposit ₹453 into their bank account, reducing the cost to ₹4 50. Currently, 30 lakh cylinders are being refilled.

Gas connections

Ujjwala Yojana scheme, started in 2016, has offered over 10 crore gas connections to women. State data says, the number of LPG consumers in the country was 14 crore in 2014, which increased to 33 crore now.

TALE OF 2 BJP STATES

Transport at standstill after penal law in hit & run cases

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

Truckers, bus and cab drivers/operators across Madhya Pradesh have proceeded on a three-day strike from Monday, against the stringent punishment and a "steep" fine motorists under the hit-and-run provision in the new law.

Buses (including school buses), trucks and other commercial vehicles, including taxi/cab operators started the strike (as part of the nationwide stir) from the first day of the New Year, bringing to a near total halt the transport services across the state.

The state's commercial capital and most populous city Indore was reportedly the worst hit by the strike.

With petrol-diesel tankers on the way to various parts of the state remaining stranded due to the stir, long queues of vehicles were reported from petrol pumps in Indore, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Chhindwara and other districts. Vehicle owners crowded the pumps to get their vehicles' fuel tanks full apprehending supply going dry in the next two days.

A report from Indore said a group of striking bus drivers tried to block the passage of a long-distance inter-state private bus in the busy Vijay Nagar area. However, police personnel used mild force to disperse the agitated bus drivers trying to stop the bus.

Sources said in Indore, owing to the strike over 600 buses didn't operate from the three main bus stations on Monday. Even the chartered buses operated by the semi-government company from Indore within and outside the state remained suspended due to the strike.

Indore district collector Illayaraja T held a meeting with all stakeholders on Monday to ensure that all petrol and diesel tankers reach their destinations under adequate security. The Indore district collector further assured the residents of Indore that school buses will in no way be allowed to be affected by the ongoing stir.

In Bhopal, Jabalpur and Chhindwara too long queues of vehicles on petrol pumps were reported. The operators of trucks, buses and taxis have gone on a nationwide strike from Monday to oppose new provision of ₹7 lakh penalty and a 10-year jail term in hit-and-run cases under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

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On strike

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No takers for 'sovereign Assam' demand now: CM

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said he would want United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) chief Paresh Baruah to visit Assam once for 15 days with safe passage so he gets to know the state's changing reality.

During an interaction with journalists, Sarma said if the insurgent leader visits the state and talks to people, the outfit's charter of demands will automatically change.

"I have no doubt that Paresh Baruah loves Assam. But if he comes here, he will know from which side the situation has remained problematic. In the entire ULFA charter (of demands), the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh are not recognised as a problem. If we need an independent Assam and if an Assamese cannot become the chief minister of that independent Assam, what is the value of it?" Sarma asked.

The Centre signed a peace accord with one faction of ULFA last week. However, the Baruah-led faction has continued to wield the gun. It says it will sit across the table only if the sovereignty of Assam is on the agenda.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma rides on an electric bus after flagging off 200 AC electric buses, in Guwahati, Monday | **PTI**

"I feel Paresh Baruah, who moved out of Assam 30 years ago with a stand (sovereign Assam), visits the state, the (outfit's) charter of demands will automatically change. What independent Assam ULFA will achieve by going to Dhubri and Mankachar?" the CM further asked alluding to the problem of illegal migration.

Dhubri and Mankachar are Muslim-majority districts on the Bangladesh border.

Sarma said he believes constant discussions, negotiations and the opening up of channels with Baruah would give results. He pointed out that 90 per cent of those, who formed ULFA, chose the path of negotiations in due course.

"I said let everyone talk to Paresh Baruah. He must know that Assam is changing. I asked the police not to track if somebody talks to Baruah. He needs to talk to at least 10,000 people in Assam. He will know their mindset, sufferings, pains and what they want," Sarma said.

"My treatment is let's keep talking to him and inform him that we don't want sovereignty. He is fighting for the people of Assam but the people of Assam do not want sovereignty," the CM said.

He also said that the government is not very concerned whether Baruah gives up the sovereignty demand or not, stating that it is his individual choice.

"There has to be a process but we don't see a (formal) discussion tomorrow. He cannot discard his stand and come soon. But we will keep talking to him. A day will come when we will get him (on board)," a confident Sarma said.

'Discussions will help'

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Fresh violence in Manipur: Curfew imposed after 4 civilians shot dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

UNIDENTIFIED gunmen shot dead four civilians at Lilong in the Thoubal district of Manipur's Imphal valley on Monday evening.

Five others were also injured. Lilong is a Meitei Pangal (Meitei Muslim)-dominated locality.

After the killings, the authorities reimposed curfew in Thoubal, Imphal East and Imphal West districts and shortened its relaxation in Kakching and Bishnupur districts, all of them in the Imphal valley.

Senior police officials did not take phone calls but sources said the assailants, who were yet to be identified, swooped down on the area wearing camouflage dresses and opened indiscriminate fire.

The four persons were killed on the spot. The injured were rushed to a hospital.

After the attack, enraged locals set ablaze some vehicles which the assailants had apparently used to go to the area. The situation was highly tense when reports last came in.

This is the first major incident involving the killings of Meitei Pangals since the ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis broke out on May 3 | **FILE PHOTO**

Chief Minister N Biren Singh condemned the incident. He appealed to the people of Lilong and other areas of the valley to maintain calm.

"The police are working to arrest the perpetrators. They will be punished as per the law. I appeal to people, especially those from Lilong, to maintain calm and help the government hunt down the criminals," Singh said in a video message with folded hands.

This is the first major incident involving the killings of Meitei Pangals since the ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis broke out on May 3 after a tribal solidarity march. The violence left some 200 people dead and 60,000 others displaced.

RAIPUR DIARY

EJAZ KAISER
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300 metric ton rice sent for Ayodhya ceremony

The BJP government has sent 300 metric ton of aromatic rice from Chhattisgarh to Ayodhya for the Ram temple consecration ceremony scheduled to held on January 22. Chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai flagged-off 11 trucks carrying the consignment of rice in Raipur. The flag-off event organised by Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rice Millers Association, offered the aromatic rice to be used consumed as 'prasad' during the ritual in Ayodhya when the idol of Lord Ram will be installed in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple. Chhattisgarh, cited as a 'rice bowl' state, also has Lord Ram's maternal home Chandkhuri.

Rahul's Bharat Nyay Yatra to touch 5 LS seats

The upcoming 'Manipur to Mumbai' Bharat Nyay Yatra to be led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi from January 14, will also cover Chhattisgarh and is likely to touch the five Lok Sabha constituencies. The yatra, which is to be covered through the bus, has raised hopes for the Congress in Chhattisgarh where the party faced a poll debacle winning 35 out of the 90 seats in the recently held Assembly elections. Congress has only two out of the 11 Lok Sabha members, the remaining are with BJP in the state. The Nyay Yatra is expected to enter the state from Odisha sometime in February.

Official residences to soon be occupied

Along with the new CM House, the official residences of all the state ministers will soon be occupied at the new capital city—Naya Raipur, cited as the nation's first integrated hi-tech green city. The Raman Singh government had meticulously planned the Naya Raipur city project. The new CM House is almost ready for possession by Vishnu Deo Sai, who is temporarily staying in the state guest house Pahuna. The evident advantage of such shifting of ministers will lead to relief in the traffic of Raipur, where there will be less demonstrations. The development works will get expedited along with new amenities to come up in Naya Raipur.

कार्यालय प्रमुख चिकित्सा अधिकारी एवं सदस्य सचिव, मेडिकेयर रिलीफ सोसायटी
राजकीय जयपुरिया चिकित्सालय, जयपुर।

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Notice Invited Bid (2023-24)

Bids for rate contract for hiring Manpower Services at Govt RDBP jaipuria hospital Jaipur are invited from interested bidders up to 02/01/2024 other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.

UBN - MHS2324SLRCO4435
Est. Cost - 1.80 cr.

DIPR/C/16151/2023 **PMO & MS**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/TWM/SMG/EE(O)/AEEE-2/2023-24/F-Tender/5828-838
Dt:30.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

K.P.T.C.L. invites tenders through KPPP mode from the authorized organizations for **Providing services of Data Entry Operator for following Offices in the jurisdiction of Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Shivamogga.**

1	RT Division, Shivamogga-1 No., MRS Division, Shivamogga-1No. & TCSD Shivamogga-1No.	Package-01
2	Tr.(W&M) Circle Office, Shivamogga-3 Nos	Package-02
3	Major Works Division, Shivamogga- 3 Nos	Package-03
4	TL&SS Division, Chikkamagaluru-2Nos & Major Works Division, Chikkamagaluru-1No.	Package-04
5	400KV Station & SSM Division,Talaguppa- 2 Nos	Package-05
6	TL&SS Division, Shivamogga- 2 Nos	Package-06

For detailed Information and to participate in the tender through KPPP mode please visit our website **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink 'e procurement KPTCL' or directly you can access the tendering **website:https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.00 AM on 02.01.2024.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Tr.(W&M)Circle, KPTCL., Prasarana Bhavana, 2nd Floor, MRS Colony, Shivamogga.

QuoteExpress **THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED** › MARK TWAIN

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT.JAYALAKSHMI.B.S & SRI.THIRUMALA RAO A.S** are the absolute owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and they have lost the original Sale Deed dated 4/9/2003 bearing Document No.6150/2003-04, Book-1, executed by BDA in favour of Sri.D.E,Chander registered in the office of Addl. District Registrar, BDA, Bangalore, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Vacant site bearing BDA Site No.1064 and so also BBMP No. 1577/1064, formed and developed by Bengaluru Development Authority situated at II Block, Gnana Bharathi (Nagadevanahalli) Layout, Bengaluru BBMP Ward No.130, measuring East to West: 09.15 Meters and North to South: 13.42 Meters, totally measuring 122.79 Square Meters and bounded on: **East by :** Site No. 1065, **West by :** Site No. 1063, **North by :** Site No. 1059, **South by:** Road.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.30/1, 2 nd Floor, 7 th Cross, Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019. Cell # 9341261700

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients (1) Sri. N.Mohanlal Bohra (2) Sri. N.Suresh Chand Bohra (3) Sri. N.Sohanlal Bohra, all # 12, Muthyalamma Koil 'C' Street, (A Cook's Road), Bharathinagar, Bangalore- 560 001, are absolute owners of Converted Land bearing Sy No. 34/2, situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 01 Acre 11 Guntas and 06 Guntas of A Kharab land in all 1=17 acres ie., 62,073 sq ft, having acquired under a registered Sale Deed executed by Mr. Ahesan Pasha.

It has come to our notice that M/s. Aalee Developers Private Ltd., Having its Office at # 401, Next to Royal School, Uqba Masjid Road, Thanisandra, Bangalore- 560 077, By its Managing Director Mr. Ibrahim Khan, S/o Mr. Eliyas Khan, r/at # 649, Fathima Manzil, Maruthi Sawmil Road, Saraipalya, Thanisandra Main Road, Dr. Shivaram Karanth Nagar, Bangalore-77, has entered into an Agreement to Sell to purchase aforesaid property from Mr. Ahesan Pasha and Mrs. Bushra Ahesan, which does not create any right, title and interest to them.

This is to give notice to the Public that not to indulge into any transactions with any person/s including Mr. Ahesan Pasha, Mrs. Bushra Ahesan or M/s. Aalee Developers Pvt Ltd., any person/s so indulging shall be responsible for their transactions the properties cannot be subject matter of the said transactions..

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All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy No. 34/2, situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 01 Acre 11 Guntas and 06 Guntas of A Kharab land in all 1=17 acres ie., 62,073 sq ft, bounded on:

East by : Road, West by : Raja Kaluve, North by : Sy No. 34/1, South by : Sy No. 34/3.

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No. 109, 1st Floor, Dharamaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-1. Ph: 9845131550
legalaxis@ymail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are intended to purchase the schedule property for a valuable consideration from **SMT. DIVYA MENON,** D/o Sri K. G. Ravindran, W/o Sudarshan Hegde, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No.660, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076 and **SMT. GIRIJA. P. NAIR,** W/o Late K. G. Ravindran, Aged about 65 years, Residing at No.423, Ashray, Flair waterface, Manakka Kadavu Tengode, Kakkanad, Ernakulam, Kerala - 682030.

If any person/s, financial institution, company having any claims, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing, within **ten days** from the date of this notice. Failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims, right, title or interest from anybody and my clients will proceed with the purchase transaction and will get register the absolute sale deed of schedule property in to their name.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing No.660, Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Bangalore having BBMP New Katha No.581/578/580/574/660, in Sy. Nos.98/1, 2, 109, 110/1-4, 111, 112/1-H, 112/2-9, 11, 12, 113/1,2, 114/1, 2A, 2B, 115/1,2,3,4,5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 6-10, 116/1,2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 5, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8, 9, 10, 117, 118/1-6, 119/1, 2, 120/1A, 1B, 2, 121/1-5, 122, 12/3/1-3, 124/1-3, 125, 126/1-2, 127/1-6, 128, 129, 130, 131/1-4, 132/1A, 1B 2, 3, 133, 134/1, 2, 3A1, 135/1-14, 136, Situated at Bilekahalli Village Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Formed by the Vijaya Bank Employees Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., and the layout was approved by the Bangalore Development Authority vide their Resolution No.1554, dated 05-04-1989, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface measuring in all 1196 sq ft., BBMP Ward No.188-Bilekahalli, having 220.97 square meter RCC building with all amenities and bounded on:

East by : Site No.661-A,
West by : Site No.659,
North by : Site No.644,
South by : Road.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl.No	Description	Details	
1	Name of work	Providing epoxy flooring and epoxy painting at 1.8m TVAC chamber facility, Main Building, Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru - 17.	Civil works for various locations at Main campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/18/2023-24 dated:28.12.2023	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/19/2023-24 dated:28.12.2023
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 8.00 Lakhs	₹ 7.20 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	E-Tender	
5	Period of completion	THREE MONTHS	FIVE MONTHS
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 16,000/-	₹ 14,400/-
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 01.01.2024 to 16.30 hrs on 10.01.2024	
8	Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 02.01.2024 to 10.30 hrs on 11.01.2024	
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Upto 16.00 hrs on 11.01.2024	
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Upto 14.30 hrs on 12.01.2024	
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs Onwards on 12.01.2024	

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-, Group Director (C&MG)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Siddayya Mala/ Avinash B/ 684 51 2nd Cross Kanka Nagar Channapatna Ramanagar Karnataka Ramnagar- 562108/ LBBNG00005388986	(As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Ward No.31, Municipal Khatha No.2871, Municipal No.684/51 Measuring East To West 41 Ft & North To South 66 Ft Along With 750 Sq. Ft Rcc Roofing House. Situated At Halasinamarada Doddi 2nd Cross, Channapattana Town, Ramanagara District, And Bounded On The North: Road South: Conservancy East: Puttaswamy Gowda House West: Mr. Channa Rajegowda Property,	29/11/2023 Rs. 48,59,788.00/-	03/09/ 2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 02, 2024 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Ramnagara **ICICI Bank Limited**

Textile Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

ESTD. : 1963
Administrative Office : Devanga Market, 2nd Floor, Sri Devara Dasimayya Road, (J.M. Road), Bengaluru-560 002.
Ph: 48521054; Email: textilecbl@gmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Appendix IV (Rule 8-(1))

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in compliance of Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, in exercise of powers conferred Under Section 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amounts mentioned in the notice and interest thereon, outstanding in the loan accounts at Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Surety/Mortgagers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Surety/Mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him Under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd., for amount and interest thereon & other charges.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of Surety	Description of the Property Mortgaged (With Boundaries)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Out/Standing as on the Date of Demand Notice Rs. Ps.
4	ANEKAL BRANCH : RAJENDRA .T IPL-EMI-151	Sowmya .C	Property Bearing Katha No. 10/1864/9, Site No 9, Bahaddurpura, Anekal Town, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District - 562 106. **Measuring** East to West - 18.6 Feet, North to South - 63 Feet. Bounded on: **East By-** Portion of Site No 9 Belongs to Jabeer Hussain & Mnajula, **West By-** Property of Abdul Khader, **North By-** Bahaddurpura Main Road, **South By**- Property of Saint Joseph Hostel.	11-09-2023	26-12-2023	As on 31-08-2023 Rs. 25,57,404/-

Amount paid if any by the above Borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realization/settlement. Borrowers are advised to look into the provisions of Act 13(8) regarding the amount of time available to discharge the secured asset.

Place : Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 02/01/2024 **Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Head Office at No.14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bengaluru-560020, Phone : 080-23562229/23460051

POSSESSION NOTICE
Possession of Immovable Properties U/S 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 r/w Rule 8(1)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002 and in exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within - named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the **amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.**

The within named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13(4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules of the below mentioned date. The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** for the amount. interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers/Guarantor	Descriptions of the Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Sri. C Govindaraju,** S/o. Late Chikkanna, No. 4, Near Kali Temple, 5th Main Road, N.H. Colony, Subedar Palya, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560 022. **Guarantor : 1. Smt. Kempavathi B G,** W/o. C. Govindaraju, No. 4, Near Kali Temple, 5th Main Road, N.H.Colony, Subedar Palya, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560 022. **2. Sri. Raghu K M,** S/o. Mallesh, No.50, Sonu Nivasa, 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Near Panchamukhi Ganesha Temple, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560 073.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.11 in PID No.7-73-11, Old No.53 then 4, situated at 5th Main Road, Subedara Palya, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.7, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 33'-0" Fts and North to South 24'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 792 square Fts and **bounded on the : East by :** Others Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Others Property, **South by :** Others Property.	12.10.2023	29.12.2023	A/c. No. EMI-61 Rs. 56,69,470/- as on 12.10.2023, plus further interest and other charges.
2.	**Smt. Padma,** W/o. Late Kemparaju, No.18, 10th Main Road, Andanappa Layout, Near Mullakattamma Temple, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079. **Guarantor : 1.** Smt. Lakshmi, W/o Raju, No. 19, 10th Main Road, Andanappa Layout, Near Mullakattamma Temple, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079. **2. Sri. Pradeep K,** S/o. Late Kemparaju No. 18, 10th Main Road, Andanappa Layout, Near Mullakattamma Temple, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.18 registered in present PID No.17-12-18, Old No.4, Assessment No.35/1, Kamakshipalya Gramathna, Sanegoravanahalli Dhakale, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently situated at 10th Main Road, Vrushabhavathinagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.17, Bengaluru. Measuring East to West 15'-0" and North to South 61'-0" fts, having a total extent of 915 square feets and **bounded on the : East by :** Remaining Property, **West by :** 4 Feet Passage, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Others Property.	25.10.2023	29.12.2023	A/c. No. 285 Rs. 26,26,112/- as on 25.10.2023, plus further interest and other charges.
3.	**1. Smt. Jayalakshmamma,** W/o. Late Gurumurthy, **2. Sri. Sham Kumar G,** S/o. Gurumurthy, **3. Sri. Kiran Kumar G,** S/o. Gurumurthy, **4. Sri. Hemanth G,** S/o. Gurumurthy, **5. Sri.Giridhar G,** S/o. Gurumurthy, **6. Smt. Menaka G,** D/o. Gurumurthy, **7. Sri. Dileep Kumar G,** S/o. Gurumurthy **All are resident at :** No. 1908/5, 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Near Harish Provision Stores, Prashanthanagara, Bengaluru-560079.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No. 5/1 registered in PID No. 36-26-5/1, BDA No. 1908 in Layout formed by BDA situated at 26th Main Road, Prashanthanagara (MRCR Layout), Magadi Road Chord Road Layout, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.29, Bengaluru. Meeasuring East to West 15'-0" and North to South 40'-0" fts, having a total extent of 600 square feets and **bounded on the : East by :** Eastern porion Property No. 1908 belongs to Jayamma, **West by :** Property No. 1909, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Others Property.	25.10.2023	29.12.2023	A/c. No. EMI-299 Rs. 47,74,731/- as on 25.10.2023, plus further interest and other charges.

Date : 29.12.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore.**

THE HANUMANTHANAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

H.O. : # 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560 019, Telephone: 080-22428985, 26507976

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Finiancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable Properties mortgaged to The Hanumanthanagar Co-operative Bank Limited, is brought to sale Under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION". The Public Auction Will be Conducted in Hanumanumantha Nagar Head Office.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Loanee Name	Balance Amount & Details of Immovable Property acquired	Reserved Price, Property Measurement Schedule, Auction Date & Time
Smt. Kavitha R Sri Prabhu B S Sri Ramamurthy K (Surety Holder)	**Rs.24,98,733/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 01.01.2024.** **SCHEDULE – A** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshmari Janjar No.294/A, property No.13/3, situated at Bychapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, now comes under Anneshwara Village Panchayath, Devanahalli Taluk, with E-Katha No.150300201900700396. **SCHEDULE – B** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshmari Janjar No.294, Property No.13/2, situated at Bychapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, now comes under Anneshwara Village Panchayath, Devanahalli Taluk, with E-Katha No.150300201900700396.	**Rs.42,52,058/-** **SCHEDULE – A** East to West : 30'-00" Feet North to South : 30'-00" Feet East by : Raju's Property, West by : Muniyappa's Property, North by : Muniyappa's Property, South by : Road. **SCHEDULE – B** East to West : 18'-00" Feet North to South : 13'-00" Feet East by : Raju's Shop, West by : Road, North by : Muniyappa's House, South by : Common Passage. **Date : 01.02.2024, Thursday At 11.00 a.m**
Sri M K Keshava Kumar, Smt. M Bhagya, Smt. M K Dhanalakshmi and Sri M K Mohan Dev Sri Vinay Kumar N S (Surety Holder)	**Rs.69,43,877/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 01.01.2024.** **SCHEDULE** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.87/1, formed in Sy.No.38/5, Katha No.658/87/1/38/5/653, Old Katha No.142/1 situated at Srigandadakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, (R R Nagar Sub-Division) Bangalore.	**Rs.1,05,83,877/-** East to West : 43'-00" Feet North to South : 26'-00" Feet East by : Site No.86, West by : Property Belongs to Rajajinagar HBCS, North by: Site No.87, South by : Road. **Date : 02.02.2024, Friday At 11-00 a.m.**
Sri. Nagaraj R, Smt. Sumithra M B, Sri. Nuthan Raj and Kum. Arpitha Smt. Archana R (Surety Holder)	**Rs.60,81,787/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 01.01.2024** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.61, situated at Cholur Playa, now comes under Bhruat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (Vijayanagara Range), Bangalore with PID No.33-19-61.	**Rs.1,23,31,416/-** East to West : 40'-00" Feet North to South : 30'-00" Feet **Schedule for As per Documents :** East by : Private Property, West by : Pipe Line Road, North by : Site No.2, South by : Site No.4. **Schedule for As per Actual :** East by : Private Property, West by : Pipe Line Road, North by : Road, South by : Private Property. **Date : 02.02.2024, Friday At 3-00 p.m**
Sri Naganna K Sri Shivakumar B M (Surety)	**Rs.15,50,277/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 01.01.2024** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.87/B (338/B/87/B), Katha No.338, Situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now comes under B.B.M.P. (Uttarahalli Sub-Division) Bangalore with PID No.338-87/B.	**Rs.26,92,549/-** East to West : 27'-5" Feet North to South : 25'-00" Feet East by : 4 Feet Passage, West by : Property of K Srinivas, North by : Property of D M Krishnappa, South by : Road. **DATE : 03.02.2024, Saturday At 11-00 a.m.**
Sri R Gopala Krishna Sri N Sujay Kumar (Surety)	**Rs.23,60,221/-** **Subsequent interest and other charges from Date 01.01.2024.** **SCHEDULE – I** **A** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing Survey No 4/4, BBMP Katha No.16, measuring 18½ Guntas equivalent to 20146 Sq Ft (Converted Vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(KRP)52/13-14, Dated 16.09.2013, issue by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore Situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, K.R.Puram hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (K R Puram Sub-Division) Bangalore and bounded on as follows: **B** Flat bearing No.104, BBMP Katha No.16/12, in the First Floor, Containing Two Bed Rooms, Constructed in the Schedule "A" Property Known as "White Petals" along with 481 Sq Ft Undivided share in Land, with Super built Up area of 931 Sq.Ft., along with one covered Car parking Space, including Proportionate share in Common area such as passages, lobbies, Staircase, Terrace, contained in the multi-storied building.	**Rs.32,75,414/-** **SCHEDULE – I** **A** East by : Land belonging to Sri Doddasonnappa, West by : Land in Sy No.4/4 Mr A.Paul Churchill & 33 ft Road, North by : Kempakka and Nanjamma's Land, South by : Land of Clara Sumanthi A Paul Churchill & N.Durga Rao. **DATE : 03.02.2024, Saturday At 3-00 p.m.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION : **(1)** The Public Auction Will be Conducted at **The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Hanumanthanagar Head Office** The intending bidder for to participate in the auction has to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the properties being auctioned as a refundable "Earnest Money Deposit" (EMD) by way of D.D./Pay Order in favour of **The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Hanumanthanagar Head Office, Bangalore** and payable on or before one day of auction date. **(2)** The EMD amount will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders immediately after the auction. The properties will not be sold for less than the Reserve Price. **(3)** The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the amount [inclusive of EMD] immediately on the same day of the sale being confirmed in his/her favour. On receipt of said payment and verification of KYC documents with originals (Photo ID and Address Proof), the authorized officer shall issue letter of sale confirmation and the balance amount shall be paid before 30 days. **(4)** The amount remitted by the successful bidder is liable to forfeited by the bank without any prior notice if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of this notice and commits default in any manner and the property will be re-auctioned. **(5)** The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration Fee Taxes, TDS, Statutory Dues, (if any) etc., as applicable. **(6)** The authorized officer shall have power to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(7)** The Bank will not be liable for any arrears of tax, any charge, lien or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of the property auctioned. The bidders are requested to make discrete enquires in this behalf with concerned authorities. **(8)** For Inspection of the Properties and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer at A.O. Telephone No. 22428985, 26507976 or Branch Manager. They are at liberty to make their own assessment/enquiry about the properties and any other encumbrances on the properties. **(9)** General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders. **(10)** The properties has brought for sale on "as in where is and whatever there is condition". **(11)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(12)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Sri D.Krishna**
Date : 30.12.2023 **Authorised Officer & General Manager (Incharge)**
The Hanumanthanagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

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members of outlawed militant group the Pakistani Taliban arrested by the Pakistan police on Monday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

WHEN QUAKES DISTURB SEA FLOOR, BIG WAVES COME KNOCKING

THE JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY ISSUED A "LARGE TSUNAMI" WARNING, MEANING WAVES OF UP TO FIVE METRES. A QUICK LOOK AT HOW EARTHQUAKES TRIGGER TSUNAMIS

VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT OF OCEAN FLOOR

1. As per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a sudden vertical displacement (up and down movement) of the ocean floor caused by earthquake is what sets a tsunami in motion
2. As the ocean floor rises or falls, so too does the water above it. As the water moves up and down to regain its balance, a tsunami is formed

WATCH OUT FOR SHALLOW QUAKES OF 7+ MAGNITUDE

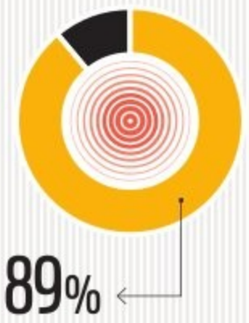
Not all earthquakes cause tsunamis. They are caused by earthquakes with magnitudes of more than 7.0 that occur under or very near the ocean. Also, the tsunamis are triggered by shallow earthquakes – those that occur less than 100 kilometers below Earth's surface

30 minutes
Is the estimated time it takes the tsunami waves to reach the coast after an earthquake

JAPAN: ALWAYS READY

Japan experiences hundreds of earthquakes every year and the vast majority cause no damage

The country has strict construction regulations intended to ensure buildings can withstand strong earthquakes and routinely holds emergency drills to prepare for a major jolt



89%
of tsunamis are caused by earthquakes. Undersea volcanic eruptions, landslides are among top causes of tsunamis as per the NOAA

Residents told to run as Japan quake triggers tsunami waves

1.2-metre-high waves hit central Japan, smaller tsunamis reported from other areas

TOKYO

TSUNAMI waves that were more than a metre high hit central Japan on Monday after a huge earthquake that damaged homes, set off a major fire and prompted authorities to urge people to run to higher ground.

Media reports said two people were feared dead after the 7.5-magnitude quake struck Ishikawa prefecture on the Sea of Japan side of the main island of Honshu at 4.10 pm (0710 GMT), according to the US Geological Survey.

Japanese authorities said that it was one of more than 50 or so quakes of 3.2 magnitude or more to rock the region on the New Year's Day holiday — when families get together and visit shrines — over several hours.

Television channels interrupted normal services with special programming including of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida urging people in danger areas to "evacuate as soon as possible" to higher ground.

Buildings burning in Wajima in Japan's Ishikawa prefecture on Monday after a major 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck the region | AFP

"We realise your home, your belongings are all precious to you, but your lives are important above everything else! Run to the highest ground possible," an alarmed presenter on broadcaster NHK told viewers.

Waves at least 1.2 meters high hit the Wajima port and a series of smaller tsunamis were reported elsewhere, including as far away as the northern island of Hokkaido. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) initially issued a "large tsunami" warning, meaning waves of up to five metres. But no further major incidents were reported and the JMA later downgraded its warning to tsunamis of up to three metres. The US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center also said around four hours after the major quake that the tsunami danger had "largely passed". Russia also issued a tsunami alert for Sakhalin island and Vladivostok in its far east. North Korea reportedly followed suit.

Images on social media showed cars and houses in Ishikawa shaking violently and terrified people cowering in shops and train stations. Houses collapsed and huge cracks appeared in roads.

"I have never experienced anything like this before, it was scary. I went out right away but the ground was shaking," an elderly man told broadcaster NHK.

"We are in a horrible situation. Please come and help us. My town is in a horrible situation," said one person in a video shared on X, formerly Twitter. *Agenices*

Residents search amid the rubble of a house destroyed by Israeli bombardment in Rafah refugee camp on Monday | AFP

Israel begins first major drawdown of troops from Gaza

TEL AVIV

THOUSANDS of Israeli soldiers are being shifted out of the Gaza Strip, the military said on Monday, in the first significant drawdown of troops since the war began as forces continued to bear down on the main city in the southern half of the enclave.

The troop movement could signal that fighting is being scaled back in some areas of Gaza, particularly in the northern half where the military has said it is close to assuming operational control. Israel has been under pressure from its chief ally, the United States, to begin to switch to lower-intensity fighting. Word of the drawdown came ahead of a visit by Secretary of State Antony Blinken to the region and after the Biden administration bypassed Congress for the second time this month to approve an emergency weapons sale to Israel.

But fierce fighting continued in other areas of Gaza, especially the southern city Khan Younis and central areas of the territory. Israel has pledged to charge ahead until its war aims have been achieved, including dismantling Hamas, which has ruled Gaza for 16 years.

The military said in a statement Monday that five brigades, or several thousand troops, were being taken out of Gaza in the coming weeks for training and rest.

In a briefing Sunday that first announced the troop withdrawal without specifying how many forces were leaving, army spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari did not say whether the decision meant Israel was launching a new phase of the war. "The objectives of the war require prolonged fighting, and we are preparing accordingly," he said.

Israel has vowed to crush Hamas' military and governing capabilities in its war, which was sparked by the militant group's October 7 attack on southern Israel, which killed 1,200 people. Roughly 240 people were taken hostage.

Israel responded with a blistering air, ground and sea offensive that has killed more than 21,900 people in Gaza, two-thirds of them women and children, according to the Health Ministry in Gaza, which does not differentiate between civilians and combatants. *AP*

Supreme Court rules against Netanyahu's legal overhaul

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S top court ruled on Monday against a key component of the government's controversial legal overhaul, which challenged the powers of the judiciary and sparked protests.

A Supreme Court statement said eight of 15 justices had ruled against an amendment passed by parliament in July which scraps the "reasonableness" clause, used by the court to overturn government decisions which are deemed unconstitutional.

"This is due to the severe and unprecedented damage to the basic characteristics of the State of Israel as a democratic state," the statement said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had argued the sweeping judicial reform package presented a year ago was necessary to rebalance powers between judges and politicians.

But his detractors warn the multi-pronged package paved the way for authoritarian rule and could be used by Netanyahu to quash possible convictions against him, an accusation the premier denies. Justice Minister Yariv Levin slammed the judges for "taking into their hands all the powers, which in a democratic regime are divided in a balanced way between the three branches" of government. Levin, the architect of the judicial overhaul, said on Telegram that the ruling "takes away from millions of citizens their voice".

Tens of thousands of demonstrators had rallied weekly against the government reforms, with protests only ending due to the war.

The "reasonableness" amendment, the only major part of the legal reform package to become law, was also one its most contentious steps as it sought to curb judicial oversight of the government. When Netanyahu's allies voted to scrap the reasonableness clause in July, opposition lawmakers stormed out of the chamber, shouting "shame". *AFP*

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(05173)
No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp: Trust Well Hospital
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560002, Tel: 25943678, 25943663
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

STATUTORY NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER SECURITY INTEREST ((ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

To,
***Borrower*: Sri Aprameya Rajagopala,** S/o Sri.Rajagopala Appaji, No.58, ITI Layout, 19th Main, 80 Feet Road, Nagarabhavi, Near SBI, Mallathahalli, Bangalore -560056.
Letter No.SBI/SARB/MKC/ASJ/2023-24/551 **Date: 22.12.2023**
Tender No. SBI/SARB/MKC/ASJ/2023-24/1005
Property ID. SBIN200037735794
Sub: Statutory Notice of 15 days (Fifteen Days) for Sale under Rule 8 (6) read with provision to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (herein after called the Rules)
A/c.No: 38238499371 & 39137483154
Borrower:Sri Aprameya Rajagopala S/o Sri.Rajagopala Appaji,
Whereas, the Authorised officer had taken Physical Possession of the below mentioned property on **08.06.2023** under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (herein after called the Act) which have been offered as securities by you towards your liabilities amounting to **Rs. 1,02,79,475/-** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only) as on 21.12.2023 and further interest from 22.12.2023 at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Whereas you have failed to satisfy your liability to the Bank even after receipt of the notices under Section 13(2) and Section 13(4) of the Act issued by the undersigned. Therefore, the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Act and the said Rules, issued this notice under Rule 8(6) [Immovables] read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002, for sale of the secured asset on **17.01.2024** to realize the above stated outstanding along with interest, costs, charges and expenses.

SECURED INTEREST

Sl.No	Description of the Immovable Property	Reserve Price (Rs.)
1	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of residential Property presently bearing Municipal No.20/A, Ward No.94, PID No.94-160-20/A, situated at Kadugondanahalli Ward, 2nd Cross, L. N. Reddy Garden, Kariyannapalya, Kacharakanahalli Village, Bangalore, measuring 9570.80 Sq. ft. East to West: 80 Feet and North to South 119.6 feet and bounded on the East by : Road, West by:Road,North by: Lake Peripheral Road, South by: Property belongs to Ms. Jonathan. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY** 532.44 Square feet or 5.56% undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership of land in Schedule 'A' Property. **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY** All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat No.302, 3 BHK, Second Floor, constructed in the apartment building Known as "CHOWRIAPPA GRAZIA" Ward No.94, constructed in Municipal No. 20/A, Kadugondalahalli Ward, L. N. Reddy Garden, Kariyanna Palya, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore, the flat having super built up area of 1701 Sq. feet., Carpet area of 1360.8 Sq. feet, and UDS of 532.44 Sq. feet walls constructed with cement and bricks, doors made of honne wood, steel windows, with vitrified tiles flooring and provided with all civic amenities along with one covered Car Parking in stilt floor and with proportionate share in the common areas, entrances, stair cases, passages, corridors, lifts etc., provided in the Schedule 'A' Property. The apartment in Flat No. 302 is standing in the name of Sri.Aprameya Rajagopala S/o Sri.Rajagopala Appaji.	60.00 Lakhs

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Queen Margrethe | AFP

Danes stunned by queen's surprise abdication after 52 years on the throne

COPENHAGEN

DANES were on Monday coming to terms with Queen Margrethe's surprise announcement that she will abdicate on January 14 in favour of her son after 52 years on the throne.

"Goosebumps, to say the least. It was quite a shock," 30-year-old Stefan Teichert told AFP, adding that he, like thousands of other Danes, had followed the 83-year-old queen's annual New Year's Eve speech live on television.

The hugely popular, chain-smoking monarch had insisted over the years that she would never step down, repeatedly saying she would "stay on the throne until I drop". "We were all shocked. We were just like: 'What? Cancel New Year's Eve!'" said Maria Jepersen, 39.

"It was like somebody in the family died or something."

Twenty-one year-old Rasmus Eliassen agreed, and chose to see the positive side of the announcement. "It's nice it's not because of death that she's leaving," he said, adding that Denmark was "in good hands" with the future king, Crown Prince Frederik.

Margrethe II has been instrumental in making the Danish monarchy one of the most popular in the world, enjoying the support of more than 80 percent of Danes, according to a recent poll.

A widow since 2018, she underwent extensive back surgery in February. In Sunday's announcement, she said the operation "gave cause to thoughts about the future -- whether now would be an appropriate time to pass on the responsibility to the next generation". *AFP*

Nobel laureate Yunus sentenced to 6 months in jail by Bangladesh court

DHAKA

NOBEL peace laureate Muhammad Yunus was convicted on Monday of violating Bangladesh's labour laws in a case decried by his supporters as politically motivated.

Yunus, 83, is credited with lifting millions out of poverty with his pioneering microfinance bank but has earned the enmity of longtime Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who has accused him of "sucking blood" from the poor.

Hasina has made several scathing verbal attacks against the internationally respected 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, who was once seen as a political rival. Yunus and three colleagues from Grameen Telecom, one of the firms he founded, were accused of violating labour laws when they failed to create a workers' welfare fund in the company.

Muhammad Yunus

A labour court in the capital Dhaka convicted and sentenced them to "six months' simple imprisonment", lead prosecutor Khurshid Alam Khan told AFP, adding that all four were immediately granted bail pending appeals. All four deny the charges. Dozens of people staged a small rally in support of Yunus outside the court.

"I have been punished for a crime that I haven't committed," Yunus told reporters after the hearing. "If you want to call it justice, you can."

Yunus is facing more than 100 other charges over labour law violations and alleged graft. He told reporters after one of the hearings last month that he had not profited from any of the more than 50 social business firms he had set up in Bangladesh. "They were not for my personal benefit," Yunus said at the time. Another of his lawyers, Khaja Tanvir, told AFP that the case was "meritless, false and ill-motivated".

"The sole aim of the case is to harass and humiliate him in front of the world," Tanvir said. Irene Khan, a former Amnesty chief now working as a UN special rapporteur, told AFP the conviction was "a travesty of justice". *AFP*

Pak Senate moves resolution that could bar criticism of army

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S Senate on Monday adopted a unanimous resolution to recommend severe punishment for all those found involved in the "negative and malicious propaganda" against the armed forces.

Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi of the Pakistan Peoples Party had moved the resolution which acknowledged that a strong army and other security agencies are indispensable for the country's defence. The resolution expressed deep concern over the "negative and malicious propaganda against the armed forces and other security agencies on various social media platforms".

It highlighted the "huge sacrifices of armed forces and other security agencies in the war against terror and for the defence and protection of the country's borders", acknowledging that a "strong army and other security agencies are indispensable especially because of the hostile neighbourhood".

The Senate, therefore, recommends that the government take necessary steps to award severe punishment as per law for all those found involved in negative and malicious propaganda against the armed forces, the resolution added. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Russia to intensify Ukraine attacks: Putin

Moscow: President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that Moscow would intensify strikes on military targets in Ukraine, after an unprecedented Ukrainian attack over the weekend on the Russian city of Belgorod. "We're going to intensify the strikes. No crime against civilians will rest unpunished, that's for certain," Putin said during a visit to a military hospital. "What happened in Belgorod is a terrorist act," Putin told wounded Russian soldiers sitting near him in hospital pyjamas and sanitary masks. He accused Ukrainian forces of targeting "right in the city centre, where people were walking around, before New Year's Eve" and alleged they had "purposefully hit the civilian population".

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Market Watch

31.68 ▲	MARKET		GOLD		SILVER		FOREX	
	Sensex	72,271.94	24 carat (10 gm)	₹63,970	1 kg	₹78,600	Dollar	83.22
10.50 ▲	Nifty	21,741.90	22 carat (10 gm)	₹58,700	10 gm	₹786	Euro	91.98

GST revenue rises 10% in December to ₹1.65 lakh cr

Average monthly collection for 2023-24 comes at ₹1.66 lakh crore

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE government on Monday reported a 10% year-on-year (YoY) rise in goods and services tax (GST) collections, amounting to ₹1.65 lakh crore.

Though the December GST collections of ₹1.65 lakh crore were 2% lower than the ₹1.68 lakh crore recorded in November, it marks the tenth consecutive month where the monthly GST collection has surpassed the ₹1.5 lakh-crore threshold.

In December, Central GST recorded ₹30,443 crore, state GST amounted to ₹37,935 crore, integrated GST stood at ₹84,255 crore, and cess accounted for ₹12,249 crore. After adjusting from the integrated GST pool, the total revenue for the Centre reached ₹70,501 crore and ₹71,587 crore for State during the month.

The latest GST data brings the average monthly collection for the fiscal year 2023-24 to ₹1.66 lakh crore, reflecting a consistent upward trend in GST collections over the years. Notably, in its inaugural year in 2017-18, the collections averaged under ₹1 lakh crore per month.

According to a statement from the finance ministry, the gross GST collection witnessed a robust 12% year-on-year growth during the April-December 2023 period, amounting to ₹14.97 lakh crore, compared to ₹13.40 lakh crore collected in the same period of the previous year. The ministry further elaborated that the average monthly gross GST collection of ₹1.66 lakh crore in the first nine months of this fiscal year represents a 12% increase compared to the ₹1.49 lakh crore average recorded in the corresponding period of FY23.

M S Mani, pertner, Deloitte India, says the GST collections for December in addition to establishing new normal of ₹1.6 lakh crore plus, demonstrates that the robust collections during the current fiscal are not driven by festive or seasonal reasons but demonstrates the strong underlying economic growth noticed across sectors.

However, Vivek Jalan, partner, Tax Connect Advisory, a multi-disciplinary tax consultancy firm, thinks there is no tax buoyancy as far as GST is concerned.

"Considering an inflation of 5.5% and GDP growth of 6.5%, a growth in GST revenues by 12% just around matches the real economic growth. It means that there is NIL Tax buoyancy as of now. With multiple years assessments and Show cause notices getting time barred in the current FY, possibly the Ministries at Centre and States would be expecting that some buoyancy be generated by the tax administration," Jalan added.

SWELLING THE COFFERS

- Collections of GST in December were 2% lower than the ₹1.68 lakh crore recorded in November
- The gross GST collection saw robust 12% YoY growth during April-December 2023 period
- With inflation at 5.5%, GDP growth of 6.5%, 12% rise in GST matches real economic growth
- GST revenue not driven by festive reasons but underlying economic growth, says Deloitte's M S Mani

Car sales breach 40 lakh mark in 2023

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

LED by strong demand for sports utility vehicles (SUVs), annual passenger vehicle (PV) sales crossed the 40 lakh or 4 million units mark for the first time in 2023.

As per industry estimates, domestic PV sales in 2023 stood at 41.08 lakh units as against 37.29 lakh units sold in 2022, an annual growth of 8.3%.

Growth rate in 2023 is the slowest in 3 years as PV sales recorded an annual growth of 27% in 2021 and 23% in 2022. Much of the industry's volume this year was led by SUVs as this segment's share in total sales rose from 42% in 2022 to 49% in 2023. SUV sales in 2023 clocked a growth of 26% and it played a major role in pushing the average price of vehicles to ₹11.5 lakh in 2023 as against ₹10.58 lakh in 2022. The share of hatchbacks and Sedans in total PV sales registered a major dip in 2023 as multiple price hikes, fewer launches and a general shift towards SUVs dented demand in these two segments.

Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) sold 17.08 lakh PVs (domestic) in 2023, up 8.5% YoY, while Hyundai's annual domestic sales crossed 6 lakh mark, up 9% for the first time in 2023. Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Toyota also reported their best-ever annual sales in 2023. Going into 2024, the industry believes it will be difficult to maintain a high growth rate.

"Growth in 2024 will be muted to low single digit as it would come on a high base. The pent-up demand, which we saw earlier this year will not be there in 2024...Also, the transfer of RBI's 250bps surge in repo rate to auto loan is a negative for the industry. So far 130bps has crept into auto loans and another 120bps is expected to get transferred in the coming months," said MSIL senior executive officer (marketing & sales) Shashank Srivastava.

Tarun Garg, COO of Hyundai Motor India (HMIL), said the positives for 2024 are GDP estimates going up and the stock market trading at an all-time high. Tata Motors said 2023 was the third consecutive year of record sales.

PV INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

PV sales in 2023	PV sales in 2022	SEDAN'S SHARE CAME DOWN FROM 11% IN 2022 TO	MPV share remained stable at
41.08L units	37.29L units	9.4% in 2023	8.7%

GROWTH: 8.3%

SUV share in total PV sales grew from 42% in 2022 to nearly 49% in 2023

Hatchback shares fell from about 35% in 2022 to 30% in 2023

MARUTI SUZUKI SOLD 17.08 LAKH PVS IN 2023

Maruti's market share grew from 41.6% to 42%

Employee transfers: TCS gets notice

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has received a notice from the Maharashtra labour department over its employee transfer practices.

This comes after the Nascent Information Technology Employees Senate (NITES), which represents IT workers, filed a complaint with the Labour and Employment Ministry against the IT major, for its alleged unethical transfer practices.

NITES has received over 300 complaints that TCS has been systematically forcing more than 2,000 employees to transfer to different cities without proper notice or consultation.

"The company had threatened the employees that failure to comply with the transfer directions will result in disciplinary actions. The company now has unethically stopped the salary of employees who are opposing these forced transfers. NITES strongly condemns the illegal tactics of TCS forcing employees either to accept the forced transfers or resign from the job," said Harpreet Singh Saluja, President, NITES.

It has urged the Ministry of Labour and Employment to investigate TCS's actions and take appropriate measures to protect IT workers. Earlier in October, the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Maharashtra, took cognizance of onboarding delay and issued a notice to TCS.

NITES had urged the Ministry of Labour and Employment to intervene in onboarding delays and filed a complaint.

It took a stand on behalf of over 2,000 lateral recruits who were affected by the unexpected delay in their onboarding process by TCS.

Meanwhile, K Krithivasan, CEO and MD of TCS, in his message to employees said, 2023 will go down in history as the year that Generative AI went mainstream. Yet we are still in the early stages of this technology revolution.

TAX

LIC receives ₹806 crore GST demand

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government-owned Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has received Goods and Services Tax (GST) demand amounting to ₹806 crore, the insurance company said in an exchange filing on Monday.

The total tax demand includes ₹365 crore as GST demand, ₹404.8 crore as penalty and ₹36 crore as interest. The tax demand has been raised by deputy commissioner of state tax, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The tax pertains to non-reversal of input tax credit under rules 42 & 43 of CGST Act and reversal of ITC availed from reinsurance. Besides, the demand also includes interest on delayed payment made with GSTR-3B and interest on advance (proposal deposit) received.Rule 42 and 43 of CGST says input tax credit claimed on raw material or supplies used for non-business purposes or manufacturing of exempted goods, then the input tax credit must be reversed by the taxpayer on a periodic basis.

The public sector insurer has claimed it will file an appeal before Commissioner (Appeals), Mumbai, against the said tax demand within the prescribed timelines. It further says that the tax demand will not have any material impact on financials, operations or other activities of the company.

I-T Dept sees 9% rise in ITR filings for AY2023-24

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Income Tax Department on Monday reported a 9% increase in the filing of Income-tax returns (ITRs), setting a new record with 8.18 crore ITRs filed for the Assessment Year (AY) 2023-2024 as of December 31, 2023.

As per the government data, in the previous year 7.51 crore ITRs were filed by the same date for the AY2022-2023. During the same period, the department also recorded the submission of 1.60 crore audit reports and other forms, indicating a rise from the 1.43 crore filed in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

"...a large number of taxpayers did their due diligence by comparing data of their financial transactions by viewing their Annual Information Statement (AIS) and Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS). A substantial portion of the data for all ITRs was prefilled with data pertaining to salary, interest, dividend, personal information, tax payment including TDS related information, brought forward losses, MAT credit, etc to further ease compliance by taxpayers. The facility was used extensively, resulting in smoother and faster filing of ITRs," an official statement said.

It said the adoption of digital e-pay tax payment platform, TIN 2.0, on the e-filing portal throughout fiscal year 2023-2024 further streamlined the process. TIN 2.0 replaced the OLTAS payment system and introduced user-friendly options for tax payment, such as internet banking, NEFT/RTGS, OTC, debit card, payment gateway, and UPI. In addition, the department conducted over 103.5 crore outreaches through targeted e-mails, SMS, and creative campaigns.

'No debit transaction from inoperative accounts'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

IN revised guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on inoperative bank accounts, the regulator has advised banks to take an annual review of an account when there are no customer-induced transactions for more than a year.

For deposits, if the customers have not withdrawn the proceeds after maturity or transferred these to their savings account, the banks should review them. The focus of the RBI guidelines is also to curb fraudulent transactions through inoperative accounts. For this it has asked banks not to allow any debit transaction in an inoperative account unless there is a customer induced activation.

Further, banks have been asked to consider imposing a cooling-off period on reactivation, with restrictions on the number and amount of transactions, as may be applicable for newly opened accounts with the bank.

"The banks shall ensure that there is no unauthorised access to customer data pertaining to the inoperative accounts. The banks shall also ensure that adequate steps are taken to prevent data theft and related misuse for fraudulent purposes," says the new guidelines.

RBI's guideline states that the bank should inform account or deposit holders and mention that the account would become 'inoperative' if no operations are carried out during the next year and, the account holder would be required to submit KYC documents for reactivating the account. If the customers didn't respond the bank needed to enquire their whereabouts.

97.38% ₹2,000 notes returned to banking system

NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday said that nearly 97.38 per cent of the ₹2,000 bank notes have been returned to the banking system, and only about ₹9,330 crore worth of the notes are still with the public. On May 19, the central bank announced the withdrawal of ₹2,000 denomination bank notes from the circulation. Thus, 97.38 per cent of the high-value currency in circulation as of May 19, 2023, has since been returned to the banking system, the banking sector regulator added. "The ₹2,000 bank notes continue to be legal tender," the RBI added. *ENS*

In case of a response, the banks could classify the account as operative for one more year (extended period) and the account holder will be asked to operate the account within a year. "In case the account holder still fails to operate the account within the extended period, the banks shall classify the said account as an inoperative account after the expiry of the extended period."

Only customer-induced transactions and not bank-induced transactions will be considered for an account to be operative.

The guidelines require banks to classify deposits which have not been operated for ten years as unclaimed and transfer the same to Depositor Education Awareness (DEA) fund maintained by the Reserve Bank of India.

As per RBI's circular, the new guidelines will come into effect from April 2024 and carried by all scheduled commercial banks (SCB) including regional rural banks (RRB) and cooperative banks. RBI said this was meant to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners or claimants.

HDFC Bank UPI goes live in secondary mkt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank has executed transactions via the NPCI's UPI payments app as part of the 'UPI for secondary market' facility, according to a company statement.

The app went live on Monday. The move follows markets regulator Sebi allowing the facility through the UPI app developed by the National Payment Corporation of India (NCPI).

Effective January 1, Sebi and the stock exchanges permitted trading in the cash segment via block mechanism, on an optional basis, for the secondary market on the lines of Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) for primary markets where investors' funds will continue to remain in their savings account with the required funds being blocked instead of the investor having to upfront transfer the amount to the broker's account for placing trades. On December 29, the NPCI had said 'UPI for secondary market' facility will go live from January 1 in Beta phase for the equity cash segment.

Online food delivery platforms clock highest orders on New Year Eve

UMA KANNAN @ New Delhi

ONLINE food ordering and delivery platforms Swiggy and Zomato, among other platforms, witnessed their highest orders on the eve of New Year.

Swiggy said the eve broke all records and Swiggy instamart did 1.6X more orders per minute compared to the previous record high during the World Cup Finals. About 1,244 biryanis were ordered per minute on the platform. "NYE'24 broke all records across Swiggy Food and Instamart!," Rohit Kapoor, CEO , Swiggy Food marketplace said. Over 4.8 lakh biryanis were ordered on the platform, and the top 3 cities that ordered the most Biryani were Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Chennai.

Swiggy said Mumbai ordered the highest number of Idlivadas on NYE and a single order with 95 samosas came from Bengaluru. Also, 200 packets of ketchup were placed from Surat. Interestingly, a customer from Kolkata placed 35 orders on Swiggy instamart that consist of 914 items worth Rs 48,950. Also, over 22,000 users ordered Amul buttermilk. Delhi spent about Rs 16 lakhs on chips and mixers.

"610 kilograms of ice sold on Zepto just in the last 1 hour (between 5 and 6 pm). Numbers like this one make me pinch myself. Sometimes I honestly can't believe how big Zepto has become in 2 years," Aadit Palicha, Zepto CEO wrote on X.

About 147,512 packets of chips, 68,231 bottles of soda, 2412 packets of ice cubes and 356 lighters were sold on Blinkit. Its founder Albinder Dhindsa posted on X. All senior executives took to social media to announce their highest orders. Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal tweeted, "Love you, India! You've tipped over Rs 97 lakh till now to the delivery partners serving you tonight."

"We've delivered almost as many orders on NYE 23 as we did on NYE 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 combined. Excited about the future!," Goyal said.

Swiggy in a separate post said that almost a million users were active on the Swiggy app in the last hour. That's more than the number of people who will join the gym starting tomorrow (January 1). Earlier in December 2023, in its How India Swiggy'd 2023, the platform said a Biryani-loving family in Chandigarh ordered 70 plates in a single go during the India Vs. Pakistan World Cup match in October.

HFCL receives ₹1,127 cr order from BSNL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC telecom gear maker HFCL has received an order worth ₹1,127 crore from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to deploy optical transport network (OTN) infrastructure.

It will upgrade BSNL's network through OTN at over 300 large network nodes and 2,000 amplifier sites. The entire installation process is projected to conclude within an ambitious 18-month timeframe. The partnership will cover the entire spectrum of activities, including supply, installation, commissioning, and maintenance of OTN (Optical Transport Network).

"The order aimed at revolutionising BSNL's OTN is a testament to our unwavering commitment to advancing the nation's technological prowess. Our network upgrade will not only address the heightened demands of enterprise and FTTH/broadband services but strategically position BSNL for launch of 4G services and the anticipation of 5G services," said Mahendra Nahata, MD at HFCL.

OMCs cut ATF price by 4%, 19-kg cylinder by ₹1.5

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE oil marketing companies (OMCs) reduced the price of Jet fuel or ATF (aviation turbine fuel) by 4%.

The rate of commercial cooking gas (LPG) also lowered by ₹1.50 per 19-kg cylinder. There is no change in the price of domestic LPG — used in household kitchens for cooking purposes. According to the price notification, ATF will now cost ₹101,993.17 per kl in Delhi while a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder will cost ₹1,755.50. This is the third straight monthly reduction in jet fuel prices. In November, oil companies cut the ATF price by nearly 6% (₹6,854.25 per kl) and in December by ₹5,189.25, or 4.6nt. The three rounds of reduction have wiped away almost 45% of the ₹29,391.08 per kl increase in rates affected in four monthly tranches starting July 1.

The reduction in the price of jet fuel, which makes up for 40% of an airline's operating cost, will ease the burden on already financially strained airlines.

The oil companies such as Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) also reduced the price of commercial LPG – used in various establishments such as hotels and restaurants – by ₹1.50. The OMCs revise cooking gas and ATF prices on the 1st of every month, based on the average international price in the previous month.

The revision on December 22 was an outlier. However, there is a no change in price of petrol and diesel that continued to remain on freeze for record 21 months in a row. Petrol costs ₹96.72/litre in the national capital, and diesel costs ₹89.62/litre.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client/s, are intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from **Shri B. SURESH,** S/o Shri Late K. Boraiah Residing at No.33, 7th Main, 7th Cross, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560040. Any person/s having any manner of right, title, interest or any sort of claims or Objections to the said transaction, whatsoever are requested to contact the undersigned within **3 (Three) days** from the date of this Publication, with documentary evidence. In case no such claims or Objections are received by the undersigned then my client shall go ahead with the purchase of the property after which no such claims or Objections would be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All That Piece And Parcel of the property bearing Muncipal No.460 (old No.32), PID No.52-81-460, Brahmaputra Nadi Road, Brundavannagara, Gavipura, New corporation Khata Bangalore Nagara, Bangalore Mahanagara palike Old division No.31, Ward No.52, New Ward No.155, property No.32 of Gavipura Village property No.6/1, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 45 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1350 sq.ft., and bounded as follows: EAST BY: Property No.27; WEST BY : Road, NORTH BY: Property No.33; SOUTH By: Property No.31.
together with 2 squares A.C.Sheet roofed house, cement flooring, jungle wood doors and windows, with all civic amenities

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E- TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Directorate of Land Transport has published a notification to the 7 days short term Re-tender for power connection to QLMs, ATCC and VMS poles for the ATIMS project in Bengaluru city (tender no. DULT/2023-24/UC/WORK_INDENT1/CALL-2). The bid submission deadline is **08.01.2024** For further details visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/–
Administrative Officer
Director of UrbanLandTransport
Urban Development Dept.

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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-94/2023-24 **E-TENDER NOTICE** **Date: 30.12.2023**

E-Tender are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vender must have Class III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No. Tender No. (Due Date). Description and Quantity. Sl.No.: 1, 10231829A, (15.01.2024), **Elbow,** PL No. 16120711, 19 Nos., Sl.No.: 2, 10231902, (19.01.2024), **Developmental Tender for Bowl By Pass Sight Glass,** PL No. 16241381, 60 Nos., Sl.No.: 3, 10231910, (19.01.2024), **Developmental Tender for Detector Repair Includes Crankcase and Low Water Kit,** PL No. 16020571, 30 Nos., Sl.No.: 4, 10231925, (19.01.2024), **Developmental Tender for Clevis Assembly,** PL No. 16050186, 20 Nos., Sl.No.: 5, 10231459A, (19.01.2024), **Developmental Tender for Kit Gasket (Turbo Charger),** PL No. 16171615, 10 Nos., Sl.No.: 6, 10231047A, (02.02.2024), **Developmental Tender for Carrier Piston Pin,** PL No. 16141430, 320 Nos., Sl.No.: 7, 10221041B, (06.02.2024), **Developmental Tender for Repair kit for Injector Assembly,** PL No. 16040247, 480 Set, Sl.No.: 8, 01231058B, (10.01.2024), **Support Assembly,** PL No. 16080490, 239 Nos., Sl.No.: 9, 01231048C, (09.01.2024), **Developmental S S Tube,** PL No. 29070235, 966 Mtr., Sl.No.: 10, 01231221, (17.01.2024), **Exhaust Manifold ASM,** PL No. 16360175, 15 Nos., Sl.No.: 11, 01231207, (16.01.2024), **Oil Pan Machining Assembly,** PL No. 16020534, 14 Nos., Sl.No.: 12, 01231247A, (23.01.2024), **Tube,** PL No. 29105160, 87 Set., Sl.No.: 13, 01231218A, (19.01.2024), **Anchor Shackel Base,** PL No. 16141702, 11 Nos., Sl.No.: 14, 03231447, (05.02.2024, 15.00), **Alloy Steel Round Bar 160 mm, MC Hex Bar 23.81 mm, MC Steel Hex Bar 31.75 mm, MC Hex Bar 23.81,** PL No. 90330973, 90367170, 90743090, 90984950, 7674.25 Kg, 20.48 Kg, 3.66 Kgs, 11 Kgs, Sl.No.: 15, 03231022A, (02.02.2024, 15.00), **Mounting Bar, MS Channel 10x50mm, MS Angle 40x40x6 mm, MS Angle 50x50x6 mm,** PL No. 29400090, 90221047, 90230231, 90230334, 39816 Nos, 1.01 MT, 0.51 MT, 0.11 MT, Sl.No.: 16, 03232137, (01.02.2024, 15.00), **Steel Angle 65x65x8 mm, MS Angle 75x75x6 mm, MS Angle 75x75x8 mm, Steel Angle 75x75x10,** PL No. 90230620, 90230814, 90230826, 90230838, 3.46 MT, 0.19 MT, 0.39 MT, 4.66 MT, Sl.No.: 17, 03231401, (05.02.2024, 15.00), **Bright Steel Round Bar 45 mm,** PL No. 90726388, 9236.63 Kg, Sl.No.: 18, 05235101B, (19.01.2024), **(i)Pressure Switch 016640901103 P Range-10 To 20 Bar ,** 01 Set, **(ii) Pressure Switch 0166405031019 P Range-01 To 10 Bar,** 01 Set, Sl.No.: 19, 05235249A, (19.01.2024), **Angular Contact Super Precision Ball Bearing,** 01 Set, Sl.No.: 20, 05235217B, (23.01.2024), **(i)Steel Wire Rope DIA-16 MM,** 500.00 Metre, **(ii) Steel Wire Rope DIA-19 MM,** 500.00 Metre, **(iii) Steel Wire Rope DIA-13 mm,** 500.00 Metre, **(iv) Steel Wire Rope DIA-06 MM,** 500.00 Metre, Sl.No.: 21, 08221127B, (19.01.2024), **Bolt Special,** PL No. 19011167, 5977 Nos, Sl.No.: 22, 08231150B, (19.01.2024), **Strip-Rubber,** PL No. 17270753, 579 Mtr, Sl.No.: 23, 08231481, (29.01.2024), **Bolt Special,** PL No. 19011167, 960 Nos, Sl.No.: 24, 09231112A, (31.01.2024), **Stator and Coil ASM,** PL No. 18100259, 28 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-1. ದೂ.ಸಂ.: 080-22112809

ಸಂ.: ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ವಿ)/ಲೋ.ಇ/ವಿದ್ಯುತ್/2024/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.01.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್), ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು KW-1 & KW-2 STD ಷರತ್ತುಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT4876	38.00
2	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT6307	5.85
3	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT4707/Call-2	11.00
4	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT4799/Call-2	7.44
5	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT4798/Call-2	9.49
6	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT4710/Call-2	6.77
7	PWD/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT4696/Call-2	8.32

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆ: ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 1 ಮತ್ತು 2ಕ್ಕೆ: 1ನೇ ಕರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 3ರಿಂದ 7: 2ನೇ ಕರೆ. ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗ: ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 1 ಮತ್ತು 3ಕ್ಕೆ: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 2 ಮತ್ತು 4ರಿಂದ 7: ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.

ಮೇಲಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವವರು The tenderer as a Prime Contractor having valid Class-2 & above Electrical License issued by Electrical Inspectorate Govt. of Karnataka ರವರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ರ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವವರು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಸಂ.: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **01.01.2024ರಿಂದ 10.01.2024, 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಿಂತಿರುಗಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10.01.2024**ರಂದು **16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿ)

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಉನಿ-ಪಿ.ಪಿ/2814/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಪಿಎ/2023-24

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD CIRCLE, JALORE

No.SE/JALORE/2023-24/1974 **Dated : 18-12-2023**

NOTICE INVITING BID 17/2023-24

NIB No.PWD2324A4033

Bids for Construction of Bridge under Budget Announcement 2023-24 are invited for interested bidders from 9.30 am 20 December 2023 to 6.00 pm 11 January, 2024. Other particulars of the bids maybe visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state and **http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in** departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs.206.10 lacs.

NIB No.PWD2324A4033

Sr.No.	UBN
1	PWD2324WSOB17562

Sd/- (Jailal Meena)
Superintending Engineer,
PWD Circle, Jalore

DIPR/C/2023/16284

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that our client Smt. Parimala. N, daughter of Late Narayanappa, wife of Mr. Peter Rajendran, had executed the General Power of Attorney dated 28.09.2022, in favour of Smt. Pillamma N, daughter of Late. Narayanappa and wife of Shri. M. Devaraj with respect to the Schedule Property. The said General Power of Attorney has been cancelled/revcked. Hence, the said Smt. Pillamma N, is no more the agent of our client and she cannot do any act, deed or things, in terms of the aforementioned General Power of Attorney, as the same has been cancelled. It has been brought to the notice of our client that Smt. Pillamma and her agents, alleging to be the General Power of Attorney Holder of our client are trying to create third party rights over the Schedule Property. Hence, the general public are hereby cautioned not to transact with the said person or any other person/s with respect to the Schedule Property. In case, any one transacts with the aforesaid person or any other person/s with respect to the Schedule Property, they shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and responsibility.

SCHEDULE

a) All that piece and parcel of properties bearing Site Nos. 02, 09, 10, 10a, 11a, 12, 13, 13a, 39b, 3 & 3b, 1, 4 carved out of Survey No. 58:4 and 58:4C and New Survey No. 58:4a situated at Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.
b) All that piece and parcel of properties bearing Khaneshumari No. 10/2 (Property No. 7), Khaneshumari No. 90/1 (569/579/615- Item No. 1), Khaneshumari No. 90/1 (569/579/615- Item No. 2), Khaneshumari No. 90/1 (75/75- Item No.3), Khaneshumari No. 90/1 (75/90/1- Item No. 4), Khaneshumari No. 90/1 (569/579/615- Item No. 5), Hebbal Gramapanchayat properties, situated at Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.

Naveen Kumar. G, Advocate,
Adwaya Associates,
41/1, 2nd floor, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet,
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Place : Bangalore
Date:

ರೈತರ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ ನಿಯಮಿತ
RYATAR SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE NIYAMIT,
RANNANGAR, TIMMAPUR - 587 122, Tq Mudhol, Dist Bagalkot (Karnataka)
Mob: +91 9341570141, 8147841817 Email: rannasugartender@gmail.com

Ref: RSSKN/Lease/LROT/2023-24/364 **Date: 01-01-2024**

Short Term Tender Notification

Pursuant to the orders of Government of Karnataka vide No. CI 214 COF 2020, Bengaluru, Dated: 24-11-2023, it is proposed to Lease the Ryatar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ni., Rannangar, Timmapur. Tq: Mudhol. Dist: Bagalkot. sugar factory on LROT (Lease-Rehabilitate-Operate-Transfer) bases for a period of 30 years from 2024-25 crushing season. Tenders are invited in two cover bidding System from the interested parties in Karnataka Public Procurement portal as per KTPP act. Prescribed tender documents available in Karnataka Public Portal.

The last date for submission of the filled in tenders is scheduled on 31-01-2024 Wednesday at 5-00pm.

Pre-bid meeting is fixed on 17-01-2024 Wednesday at 11-30am, Technical Bids will be opened on 05-02-2024 Monday at 11-30 am and Financial Bids will be opened on 06-02-2024 Tuesday at 11-30 am in the office of The Commissioner for Cane Development & Director of Sugar,5th floor, CBAB Complex, KHB Building, Kaveri Bhavan, KG Road Bangaluru.

The details of Tender documents and other terms and conditions can be downloaded/viewed in https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Tender No: RSSKN/Lease/LROT/2023-24/364 Dated: 01-01-2024 The State Government/Special Officer of the Sugar factory has reserves the right to accept or reject all the tenders at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever.

(Mallikarjun B Pujar)
Managing Director (I/c)
Ryatar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ni., Rannangar, Timmapur. Tq: Mudhol. & Deputy Registrar of cooperative Societies., Bagalkote Dist Bagalkote

(Santosh Kamagouda)
Special Officer Ryatar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ni., Rannangar, Timmapur. Tq: Mudhol.& Senior Assistant CommissionerJamkhandi Sub-Div Jamkhandi

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THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleshwaram Branch,** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **07.02.2024 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. Sri. Sathyanarayana G S/O Gangesh Mani No.13, 'Shri Sathyanarayana Nilayam', 3rd Main, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097	**2. Smt. Sumathi S W/o Sathyanarayana G** No.13, 'Shri Sathyanarayana Nilayam', 3rd Main, Chamundeshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through web site https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com on 07.02.2024 for Recovery of an amount for A/c No. 08001/3291 & 3386 At Malleswaram Branch, Rs.63,26,492/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 31/12/2023 with further interest and cost till the date of payment.

Schedule of the property : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Immovable Property bearing Site No.13, Byatarayanapura CMC Katha No.455, Situated At Doddabommasandra Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. BBMP Khatha No 134/455/13. Including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, Constructed the site Measuring East to West : 30 Feet North to South : 49 Feet Total Area : 1470 Sq Feet and Bounded as follows East By : Site No.12, West By : Site No.14 North By : B.Venkatappa's Land, South By : 30 Feet Wide Road.	
Reserve Price	**Rs.94,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.9,40,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Rs.25,000/- or in such multiples**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**06.02.2024 before 05.30 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauctionwizard.com on 07.02.2024 from 10.00am - 11.00pm with auto time extension of 5 minutes each with unlimited extension**
E-auction Service Provider Details & website	**M/s Antares Systems Limited,** Address: #24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaranagara, Bangalore-560079. **Contact person: Sushmitha B Helpline No's: 8951944383 Land Line: 080-40482000 Mail Id: Sushmitha.B@antaressystems.com**

This Publication is also 30 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. Mrs. Shobha S W/o Narayana C No.164, Old No.106/2, 3rd Cross, Nethaji Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061.	**2. Mr. Narayana C S/o Chandraiah** No.164, Old No.106/2, 3rd Cross, Nethaji Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061.
3. Mr. Shreyas Gowda S/o Narayana C No.164, Old No.106/2, 3rd Cross, Nethaji Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061.	**4. Ms. Meghana N Gowda D/o Narayana C** No.164, Old No.106/2, 3rd Cross, Nethaji Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through web site https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com on 07.02.2024 for Recovery of an amount for A/c No. 08001/3379 @ Malleswaram Branch, Rs.1,79,18,183/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakhs Eighteen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Three Only) as on 31/12/2024 with further interest and cost till the date of payment.

Schedule of the property : All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Northern Portion of property bearing No.3 & 4, New Khatha No.387/344/239/2/492, Old khatha No.40/4, situated at Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Presently BBMP Khatha No.387/1/344/239/2/492/3 & 4/1, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed the site measuring East to West 94 feet and North to South 20 feet, total area 1880 sq. ft. and Bounded By: East: Government Road, West: Thimmakka's Property, North: Thimmaiah & Thirumalamma Property, South: Same Number remaining property.	
Reserve Price	**Rs.2,01,60,000/- (Rupees Two Crore One Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs.20,16,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Rs.25,000/- or in such multiples**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**06.02.2024 before 05.30 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**e–auction Portal: www.bankeauctionwizard.com on 07.02.2024 from 12.00pm - 01.00pm with auto time extension of 5 minutes each with unlimited extension**
E-auction Service Provider Details & website	**M/s Antares Systems Limited,** Address: #24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaranagara, Bangalore-560079. **Contact person: Sushmitha B Helpline No's: 8951944383 Land Line: 080-40482000 Mail Id: Sushmitha.B@antaressystems.com**

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Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -

1. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website of the Service **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com.** M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore is the Service Provider to arrange e-auction platform.
2. The bidders should deposit 10% of Reserve Price before participating in e-auction. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice and internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Bank/Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders will not carry any interest.
3. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider **M/s Antares Systems Limited** Address: #24, Sudha Complex, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveswaranagar,Bangalore- 560 079, **Contact Person: Manohar S, Helpline Nos: 9686196756/58, Land Line: 080-40482100 Mail Id: manohar.s@antaressystems.com**
4. For participating in e-auction sale the intending bidder should register their details with the Service Provider M/s. Antares Systems Limited, Bangalore, through the Bank well in advance and get the User ID and password. Only the password may be changed on receiving it. Bidders are required to hold digital signature certificate for participating in the E-Auction at their own cost. The bidder should attatch a copy of PAN Card for identity proof and a proof of residence such as Aadhar, Passport, Election I D, Driving License, etc.,
5. The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the Reserve Price.
6. The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and subject to conditions prescribed in the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002
7. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favor and balance 75% of bid amount within 30 days from the sale date through **RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer** to the credit of A/C No.001490030000009 **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch**, Bangalore and IFSC Code of the bank is **"HDFC0CMCOBL"** After receiving full bid amount Sale Certificate will be issued in favour of successful bidder only. No Nomination facility shall be made available for the purpose of sale certificate.
8. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
9. The successful bidder shall bear the charges payable for conveyance, Registration fee, stamp duty etc., as applicable in related laws.
10. It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue / dues to any local authority and any / all such taxes, revenue / gives any local authority if any as applicable shall be born by the successful bidder only.
11. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user ID given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him only.
12. Prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of Title deeds with the Bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Revenue/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the Title and Encumbrances, if any over the property.
13. The immovable property described herein above shall remain and be at the sole risk of the successful bidder in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the confirmation of sale by the undersigned Authorized Officer. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature.
14. All bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of sale and be bound by them.
15. The Authorized Officer may postpone/cancel the e- Auction without assigning any reason thereof. Sale is subject to confirmation by the secured creditor who may reject even the highest bid without assigning any reason. Such a decision of the secured creditor shall be final and no claim, whatsoever can be made against or with respect to such a decision. In case , the highest bid is rejected, the Authorized Officer can negotiate with any of the remaining bidders or any other person(s) for sale of the property by private treaty at a price higher than the highest bid.
16. In case the e-Auction scheduled is postponed to a date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the Service Provider.

Note: The intending bidders may contact The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Malleswaram Branch H.O: #102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property on the date fixed by the Bank (Contact No.9483281329) E-Mail: mcb_mall@yahoo.com

Date: 01.01.2024
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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Bangalore Glassware & Crockery Represented By Partners A Anantha Krishnan, Dinesh Kumar Bhardwaj, Sunitha Ananthakrishana & Pavitra Vasudevan/ 162ranasingpet Police Road Near Chickpet Metro Station Bangalore- 560053/ 035905003871/ 035905502321/ 035955000064.	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering Property Situated At No 51, 35th Main Road, Bank Officers Layout, Btm Layout, 2nd Stage, Begur, Bangalore - 560 076 And Together With All The Buildings And Structures Thereon, Fixtures, Fittings And All Plant And Machinery Attached To The Earth Or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth; Both Present And Future (admeasuring An Area Of 266.6 Sq Yards North: Site No 52 South: Site No 50 East:road West: Site No 47.	November 13,2023 Rs. 42,42,460.00/-	04/09/2023
2.	A K S Steel Traders Represented By Proprietor Azharuddin Khan, Mansoor Ali Khan & Ayub Khan/ No. 11/5, Smithy Block Slaughter House Road Near Naaz Complex Bangalore- 560002/ 625105042121/ 625155002929.	(As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel of Plot 'A' Consisting of A Portion of Premises No.25, Present Bbmp Katha No. 11/5, (Pid No.47-69-11) Situated at Smithi Block, 2nd Cross, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 50 Feet and North To South 31 Feet, Total: 1550 Sq Ft (Admeasuring an Area of 1550 Sq Ft North: New Bamboo Bazaar Road South: Property of Nissar Ahmed Pasha East: New Road West: Slaughter House.	October 25,2023 Rs. 67,21,586.00/-	28/09/2023
3.	Altorum Leren Private Limited Represented By Director Prateek Shukla & Sandeep Kumar Parira/ Office No. A 207 Kssidccomplex Indranagar Electronic City-1 Bangalore- 560100/ 100805002735.	(As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Industrial Be Mortgaged Flat No. A-207, Situated at 1st Floor, Block-1, at Industrial Estate Electronic City Built A Portion of The Plot Bearing Nos.71,72,75 & Part of 76 in The Electronic City, Within The Limits of Village Limits of Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Area Measuring 1653.60 Sq.ft Schedule as Per Rectification Deed Dated 31.7.2018 and Together With All The Buildings and Structures Thereon, Fixtures, Fittings and All Plant and Machinery Attached to The Earth or Permanently Fastened to Anything Attached to The Earth, Both Present and Future (Admeasuring an area of 1653.60 Sq.ft Bounded By: on The North By: Aerial Space; on The South By: Aerial Space on The East By: Flat No. A-206 on The West By: Aerial Space.	November 13, 2023 Rs. 34,90,822.00/-	04/09/2023
4.	Fast Stream Technologies Pvt. Ltd Represented By Directors Vinay Bansal & Pooja Bansal/ 6, 2nd Main Road Off Bannerghatta Road Arekere Bangalore- 560076/ 100705000720/ 100755000010.	(As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel of Converted Land Bearing Katha No.1398 (Old Sy.no.17/1 and 17/2, Arakere Village, Begur Hobi, Bangalore South Taluk), Issued By Bommanahalli City Municipal Council, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk 1. 0.412% Undivided Right and Interest in The Land Covered By The Schedule 'A' Property Mentioned Above, Which Undivided Right and Interest Works Out to 493.53 Square Feet (46.40 Square Meters). 2. Apartment No.J-301, Presently Jurisdiction of Bommanahalli Cmc New Property No.301/A, In The Third Floor of The Said Building Known As "mantri Woodlands" Measuring Super Built Up Area of About 965 Square Feet (89.65 Square Meters) Including Proportionate Share of Common Area With The Floors, Ceiling and Walls Between Apartments Jointly Belongs to Such Apartment Owners Equally 3. One Car Parking Unit No. J-301 in The Basement. (Admeasuring an Area of Measuring Super Built Up Area of About 965 Square Feet (89.65 Square Meters) North: Property Bearing Sy.No.14 and 15 South: Property Bearing Sy.No.17/3 East: Property Bearing Sy.No.16/1 West: Property Bearing Sy.No.18.	November 15, 2023 Rs. 67,46,519.00/-	18/09/2023
5.	Aishwarya Industries Represented By Partners Sudarshan R, Meena Sudarshan & Sudarshan S/o Muddarangiah Ranganathasetty/ No. 5, Challakere, Bangalore Road, Chitradurga Bangalore- 577522/ 101105009935/ 101155000017.	(As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Residential Property Property Khata No.19 Measuring 2000 Sq.ft and Consisting Pf Building 1712 Sq.mts Situated in Situated at Khatha No. 19 Assessment Number 3700/ 3578/ 3539/4929, New No. 3700/3578/3539/4929/19 Behind D Veeranna, Bearingsite No. 19, Old K Na 3578/3539/4929/19 and, Latout Challakere Town, Challakere, Chitradurga, Chitradurga Karnataka- 577522 Present in The Name of Mr.Meena Sudarshan Residing at Challakere- 577522 and Together With All The Buildings and Structures Thereon, Fixtures, Fittings and All Plant and Machinery Attached to The Earth or Permanently Fastened to Anything Attached to The Earth, Both Present and Future North:adj Site No: 20 South: Adi Site No:18 East:galli Road West: 9.00 Mtr Road.	November 15, 2023 Rs. 65,32,087.00/-	28/09/2023
6.	Sasvat Omnicare Pvt Ltd Represented By Directors Bijay Bihani & Kanchan Bihani/ No. 402 West Minster Building Room No. 13 44 Srt Nagar Bangalore- 560051/ 029705003922/ 029755000005.	(As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing New No. 972/1155/1049/854/485/1/11, Old House List No.11A, Katha No.18/1 and House List No. 485/1/118, Madiwala Notified Area Katha No.854, Situated at Bilekahalli Village, Hobil, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Bearing New Pid No.188-W0160- 14, Together With All Rights, Appurtenances and Comprising of 40 Squares of RCC Roofed Building, Red Cxide Flooring, Doors and Windows Are Made of Ordinary Wood Having All Civic Amenities (Admeasuring an Area of East to West: 115 Feet , North to South: 62 Feet Total 7130 Square Feet North: Property No. 12 South: Papanna Reddy's Property East: Road West: Private Property.	December 04, 2023 Rs. 92,00,767.00/-	24/09/2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 02, 2024
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
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Warner retires from ODI cricket ahead of Test farewell

Dynamic Australian opener David Warner called time on Monday on one-day international cricket ahead of his farewell Test against Pakistan this week, but kept the door open to play the 2025 Champions Trophy if needed. The 37-year-old will pad up in his 112th and final Test in his home city Sydney on Wednesday, having plundered 8,695 runs at an average of 44.58.

Though there is no mention of discussing CEO appointment, it should be addressed during meeting; International Olympic Committee had already red-flagged for violating constitution and urged Indian body to appoint one soon

IOA EC meet called, focus on AGM

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

FINALLY, after much delay the Indian Olympic Association has called for an Emergency Executive Council meeting in New Delhi on January 5. The IOA had sent a notice to all its EC members through a letter dated December 28. The IOA has had a controversial first half of last year with differences of opinion with its members. The 2024 hopefully will usher in a new era in IOA administration.

The IOA has already delayed hosting its Annual General Meeting, which according to the constitution, should be held in the last quarter of every year. Instead, the IOA waited until late December to call for an EC meeting where the dates of the AGM would be discussed. The letter of the EC meeting had been issued by IOA president PT Usha and acting Chief Executive Officer Kalyan Chaubey has been asked to make necessary arrangements.

Apart from confirmation of the minutes of the last EC meeting in Goa, there are three more items listed on the agenda. As expected, governance issue is one of them. Calling an AGM is another point followed by "any other matter with the permission of the chair". Though there is no mention of discussing the appointment of a CEO, it should be addressed during the meeting.

The International Olympic Committee had already red-flagged the non-appointment of the CEO and had urged the IOA to appoint one at the earliest. The appointment of IOA is one of the governance issues that had been plaguing it entire last year. The IOC during its Session in Mumbai in October had warned of strict action if IOA did appoint a CEO at the earliest.

Two days after the IOC warning, the IOA initiated the application process. It is understood that the IOA had received at least six applications. According to the IOA constitution, the CEO has to be nominated by a three-member committee comprising IOA president Usha, Athletes Commission Chairperson MC Mary Kom and IOC member in India Nita Ambani. It is understood that all three have completed the due process of nominating a CEO after scrutinising the applications and selecting the correct candidates for nomination.

It is possible that the name selected by Usha, Mary Kom and Nita Ambani could be discussed during the EC meeting. Going by the constitution, the CEO is a paid post and the person nominated has to be vetted by the EC. "The nomination committee shall follow the due process of selection, including advertising the position, prior to the nomination of the CEO to the Executive Council," says the IOA constitution.

Appointment of CEO had been the sore point in the relationships among IOA office bearers last year. It had even threatened to de-stabilise the house. It needs to be seen if the EC is keen on appointing a CEO this time. Knowing the house, it will not be easy.

The scheduling of the AGM is another point on the agenda. It needs to be seen when the AGM will be held. The IOA constitution mandates 30-day notice which means the AGM cannot be held in January. It could be held in February or later. It may also depend on the appointment of a CEO.

Other governance issue that could keep the EC busy would be the Wrestling Federation of India mess. At the request of the sports ministry, the IOA had recently formed an ad-hoc committee to oversee the day-to-day functioning of the WFI with Bhupender Bajwa as head. The IOA needs to discuss the future of the wrestling federation keeping in mind the interest of the wrestlers.

India have a chance of redemption in the third and final ODI in Mumbai | PTI

Opportunity for Kaur & Co to let bygones be bygones

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

THE last ten overs of the second ODI between India and Australia at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on December 30th was a familiar viewing for those who have closely followed these two teams over the last few years.

With a required run rate near six runs per over, India would lose the set batters, leading to a panic, collapse and Australia winning the match with a margin of single-digit score. The fans have seen it on more than one occasion. The defeats in the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medal match in Edgbaston and the semifinal of the 2023 T20 World Cup in South Africa were 'so near but so far' for the same reasons.

Fresh off the red-ball success against England and Australia, expectations were high from the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side in the ODIs even though the past record was against them. Even with Australia never losing a bilateral ODI series against India, this was probably one of their best opportunities in the format, given the transition the opposition is going through. In their first ODI series under the new leadership duo of Alyssa Healy and Tahlia McGrath, Australia were at their weakest in recent times given Jess Jonassen and Megan Schutt, two experienced bowlers, didn't find a place in the playing XI. However, India ended up on the losing side in the close encounter yet again.

Understandably, India, under the new coach Amol Muzumdar, are trying to give opportunity to every player on the roster. The coach himself made it clear during his first media interaction since taking over the duties. The second ODI saw some changes with Shafali Verma getting dropped from the playing XI and the team management sticking with Richa Ghosh at three. Ghosh, known for her hard-hitting skills in the lower order, got the promotion to number three and showcased what she is capable of.

It was a familiar problem of the lower-middle order not rising to the occasion. Since the end of the ODI World Cup in April 2022, none of the batters in the lower-middle order have a strike rate above 100. The players, who have batted in these positions, are generally known to bat well, but they have not performed at their best in this World Cup cycle so far. With two ICC events in the subcontinent in two back-to-back years, facing Australia is probably the hardest test there is for the team. Muzumdar is getting to know more of the team and players with each fixture. Facing England and Australia as his first series at the helm was certainly a big challenge. The red-ball success has showcased what Kaur's side is capable of. If they can dust themselves off and learn from their past mistakes, there is a big carrot dangling in front of them in September. There is still a lot of time to go till the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh, but one would hope for more changes with the change of calendar.

Gymnasts Dipa, Pranati to fight for national title

TANMAY DAS @Bhubaneswar

ALMOST after eight years, Dipa Karmakar is going to participate in the Senior National Artistic Gymnastics Championships to be held at the Gymnastics Centre, Kalinga Stadium, here from January 2. Other senior gymnasts like Olympians Pranati Nayak, national gymnasts Yogeshwar Singh, Rakesh Patra, Tapan Mohanty, Saif Tamboli, Gaurav Kumar will fight for titles in various categories.

Dipa took part in the trail and selection for Asian Games held here last year before the Asian Games. Though she ranked top, she couldn't be part of the national team. Dipa's coach Bishweshwar Nandi did not talk about it but said, "It feels great to be here, the venue and apparatus are of Olympic standards. Dipa is taking part at the nationals after almost eight years. There will be Pranati Das, Pranati Nayak, Aruna Reddy and various other senior athletes taking part as well, so it's a good thing. I couldn't come to the Junior Nationals, but I would like to see the junior athletes compete against these seniors."

Under the aegis of the Odisha Gymnastics Association and the Gymnastics Federation of India, the championship will be held from January 2 to 4. As many as 300 participants from across the country are expected to take part in what will be a grand spectacle of gymnastics.

Ad-hoc panel to organise national camps for wrestlers from Feb 9

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AFTER deciding to organise the 2023 senior nationals, the three-member ad-hoc committee, formed to manage wrestling affairs in the country, on Monday announced its decision to hold national camps for senior wrestlers. As per the order issued by Bhupender Singh Bajwa, chairman of the ad-hoc committee, the camp will begin on February 9 and extend until the Paris Olympics.

"The men's camp (encompassing Greco-Roman and freestyle) will be stationed at SAI NRC Sonepat, while the women's camp will be held at SAI NSNIS Patiala. The national coaching camp will select medallist wrestlers from 30 weight divisions across Senior Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and women's categories of the aforementioned Senior National Championships," said the order. Earlier, the panel had announced that the senior nationals will be hosted by the Railway Sports Promotion Board in Jaipur from February 2 to 5.

Affirming that the primary focus of the camp will be rigorous training for the upcoming Olympic Qualifying tournaments, the order said it will also prepare athletes for the Senior Asian Championships scheduled in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from April 11 to 16.

It should be noted here that only one wrestler from the country, Antim Panghal, has secured an Olympic quota so far. She won 53kg bronze in the 2023 World Championships bagging the quota in the process. As many as 17 quotas are still on offer for the country's wrestlers in the two qualifying events — the 2024 Asian Qualification Tournament set to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from April 19-21, and the 2024 World Qualification Tournament scheduled for Istanbul, Turkey, from May 9-12.

Meanwhile, the announcements by the ad-hoc panel have already drawn sharp reactions from the newly-elected Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president, Sanjay Singh, who claimed the body will soon announce the dates for the nationals. As he told this daily a few days back, he asserted that the WFI does not recognise the ad-hoc panel.

Notably, Sanjay Singh won the election to president's post on December 21 but the sports ministry asked the WFI led by him to abstain from functioning only three days later. The ministry then formed the ad-hoc panel which also comprises hockey Olympian MM Somaya and former international shuttler Manjusha Kanwar.

Kishore Jena | AP

Jena and Manu join Neeraj in AIU RTP

ENS/AGENCIES @New Delhi

AFTER an eventful last year, Asian Games medallist Kirshore Jena and up and coming star DP Manu, both javelin throwers, have been added to the Registered Testing Pool of the Athletics Integrity Unit in the first quarter. The updated list on the AIU website, World Athletics anti-doping watchdog, have added the two names to the five already there on the list.

Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra, Asian and Commonwealth Games medallist long jumper Murali Sreeshankar, Jeswin Aldrin (long jump), Avinash Sable (3000m steeplechase) and Annu Rani (javelin throw) are already there on the RTP list.

Jena had finished fifth in the 2023 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, where Chopra won gold. Manu had finished sixth. Three Indians had finished in the top six of the javelin throw final in the 2023 World Athletics Championships, a record in itself.

Athletes included in the RTP are required to file "whereabouts" information on a quarterly basis, like home address, email address, phone number, training location, competition schedules and locations.

Kohli's simulation for Burger, Iyer faces short balls

AGENCIES @Cape Town

VIRAT Kohli looked a million dollars as he did extensive simulation for South Africa's left-arm pacer Nandre Burger but Shreyas Iyer's problems seemed to continue while facing a barrage of short balls at nets here on Monday.

On the New Year's Day, it was business as usual for Kohli, who had an extended session lasting close to an hour. First, he was at the centre nets against bowlers and then he faced high-intensity throwdowns for about 20 to 25 minutes at outside nets.

Kohli is known to come to nets with specific purpose and on Monday, it seemed he wanted to extensively bat against a left-arm pacer. Since the Indian team's pace bowling roster doesn't include a left-armer, a net bowler was summoned and Kohli faced a good 25 to 30 deliveries from him in between playing against Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, R Ashwin and Avesh Khan.

Kohli was repeatedly seen putting in a big stride forward and at times walking a couple of steps to whip the bowler through mid wicket.

However, the only problem here was that the youngster provided by Cricket South Africa (CSA) was at least 15 clicks lesser in terms of pace compared to Burger, who took seven wickets on debut in the opening Test at Centurion.

The net bowler's lack of pace allowed Kohli to read the inswing and then walk down a couple of steps to flick him through mid wicket. In match situations, Kohli won't get so much time to come on the front foot. The second Test begins on Wednesday. India trail the two-match series after suffering a heavy defeat in the opener.

Chennai Quick Guns Ramji Kashyap (L) in action against Gujarat Giants on Monday

Chennai Quick Guns inflict 1st defeat on Gujarat Giants

ENS @Cuttack

CHENNAI Quick Guns continued their unbeaten run to inflict the first defeat on Gujarat Giants by 35-29 in the Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 here on Monday.

Ramji Kashyap proved to be the main man for the winning team once again as he clinched 10 points and stayed on the mat for more than four minutes to earn crucial dream run bonus points for his team.

Chennai Quick Guns began the contest positively, allowing Gujarat Giants to claim only 14 points in the first turn. They also earned two dream run bonus points to reduce the difference before the start of the following turn that went in the favour of Gujarat.

EXPRESS READ

Puneri Paltan post big win over Telugu Titans

NOIDA: Mohit Goyat was the lead performer as table-toppers Puneri Paltan outclassed bottom-placed Telugu Titans 54-18 in their Pro Kabaddi League match here on Monday. Telugu Titans were bolstered by captain Pawan Sehrawat's return, but he was tackled within eight seconds as they straightaway were pinned to the backfoot. The Titans did well to stay within touching distance, but were completely undone by a series of three raids.

Winning return for Osaka after maternity break

BRISBANE: Motherhood has helped give Naomi Osaka a new mindset when things are getting tough on court. In her first competitive match since September 2022, the four-time major winner was broken while serving for the match and needed three match points in the tiebreaker before converting a 6-3, 7-6 (9) win over Tamara Korpatsch on Monday at the Brisbane International.

Barca defender Alonso to undergo back surgery

BARCELONA: Barcelona defender Marcos Alonso will undergo back surgery in the coming days, the club said. Barcelona said the surgery is aimed at fixing the "problems in the lumbar region" that have kept the 33-year-old Alonso sidelined in recent weeks. The club said it will give further details after the surgery is conducted. It did not give a timetable for Alonso's recovery.

Swiatek sends Poland into United Cup QF

PERTH: Iga Swiatek left Spain reeling on Monday as Poland booked a 2-1 win to move into the quarterfinals of the United Cup whilst holders United States were beaten by hosts Australia. The 2-1 victory for Australia propelled them into the last eight as well. World number one Swiatek showed no mercy to Sara Sorribes Tormo in a 6-2, 6-1 singles victory before teaming up with Hubert Hurkacz to clinch the tie with a 6-0, 6-0 mixed doubles thrashing.

Comeback man Gurpreet eyeing good show in upcoming Oly qualifier

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

HUGS being shared all around, distant family members and old friends reuniting, it's that time of the year when people generally take a break from the rigors of daily life and celebrate. But it's a different tale for some of the elite shooters from the country as they'll be taking part in an Olympic qualification event in the next few days. Pistol shooter Gurpreet Singh, who is currently part of national camp in New Delhi, is one among them.

One of the few old faces in the Indian contingent for the upcoming Asian Championships in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Armyman, who has been practising the sport for over a decade at the highest level, is set for his latest challenge.

"The camp is going great. I'm returning to the team after quite a long gap. I was looking to gradually make progress and I'm on track in that regard. Seeing talented youngsters do well gives me a lot of motivation," the former Commonwealth Games gold medallist says. One of the frontline pistol shooters in the past, Gurpreet,

36, has been occupying the backseat for a fair amount of time with youngsters raising the bar in recent years. Despite the competitive nature of the sport, Gurpreet, to his credit, never faded off completely. He has been part of the national and international equation taking part in multiple pistol events, though not with much success. In a sport that has seen some renowned names like Jitu Rai, Saurabh Chaudhary, to name a few, fade out, what really has kept Gurpreet ticking?

"Now, the level of shooting is very high. The scores are high and you get that motivation to match those scores. I have enjoyed success in the past and have been part of the team on a regular basis and it's become a habit. That habit motivates me to work hard and push on," says Gurpreet, who was part of the Rio Olympics.

The upcoming continental event, which is scheduled to be held from January 5 to 18, is a huge opportunity for Gurpreet and the rest of the squad to earn Paris Olympic quotas. Rifle shooters from the country have already secured the maximum quotas available and there are five more quotas yet to be won in the pistol category. In total, India have won 13 Olympic quotas in various events so far.

With so much to play for, it is bound to be a stiff test for Gurpreet, who will be taking part in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event. He's mindful of the size of the task ahead of him. "Making a comeback is never easy. I'm just hopeful of doing my best. Competition is bound to be hard." Having missed out on the Tokyo Olympics, Gurpreet will be hopeful that he can make this rare opportunity count.

Smoking during pregnancy increases risk of a wide range of problems, including miscarriage and premature labour. Babies whose mothers smoke during pregnancy are at higher risk of sudden unexpected death in infancy, having weaker lungs and having an unhealthy low birth weight

Advantages of Minimally Invasive Techniques

REDUCED RISK

Minimally invasive procedures lower the risk of complications such as infections, bleeding and damage to critical brain structures. This leads to decreased morbidity rates and shorter hospital stays

FASTER RECOVERY

Patients undergoing minimally invasive brain surgery often experience quicker recovery times compared to traditional surgeries. This means a quicker return to daily activities and improved quality of life

PRESERVATION OF HEALTHY TISSUE

These techniques enable surgeons to access tumours with greater precision, minimizing damage to healthy brain tissue and reducing post-operative neurological deficits

Key Techniques

ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

Endoscopic brain surgery is a minimally invasive surgical technique that uses a camera and high-definition lighting to visualize the brain. Endoscopes are inserted into the brain through small openings in the skull. Tiny instruments can then be placed through the same opening to perform a variety of procedures

STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY

Stereotactic radiosurgery is a type of radiation therapy that uses multiple precisely focused radiation beams to treat tumours and other problems in the body. It's a non-surgical procedure that doesn't involve an incision

ROBOT-ASSISTED SURGERY

Robot-assisted brain surgery uses a surgical tool called ROSA (robotic operating surgical assistant) Brain to perform minimally invasive procedures. This method allows doctors to perform complex procedures with more precision, flexibility and control than is possible with conventional techniques

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @New Delhi

MINIMALLY invasive surgeries are making strides, with the latest intervention in treating brain ailments, specifically tumours, which for a long time have seen conventional approaches.

According to experts, this innovative approach has revolutionised neurosurgery, offering patients less invasive options with reduced risk and quicker recovery times compared to traditional open surgeries.

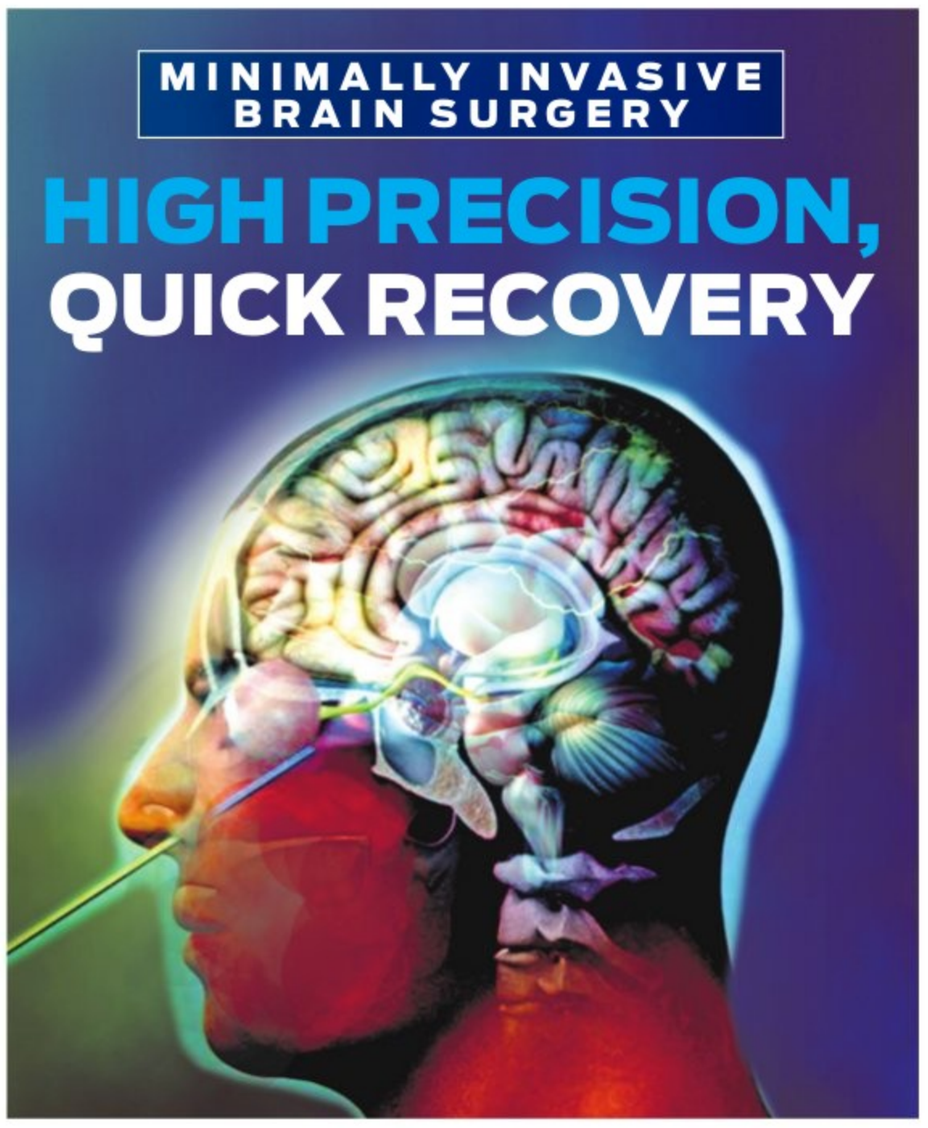
Minimally invasive brain surgery involves accessing the tumour through small incisions or natural openings in the body, reducing the need for large openings in the skull. This approach employs advanced technologies like neuroendoscopy, stereotactic radiosurgery and robotic-assisted procedures, allowing surgeons to precisely target tumours while minimising damage to surrounding healthy tissues.

According to Dr Ravindra Srivastava, director of neurosurgery, Primus Super Speciality Hospital, "Minimally invasive neurosurgery reduces post-surgery damage, limiting blood loss and enhances recovery. This approach employs advanced techniques, such as endoscopy and robotics, enabling surgeons to operate through smaller incisions. Compared to traditional methods, it minimises trauma to surrounding tissues, leading to quicker healing and reduced pain for patients. Additionally, the risk of complications, infections and hospital stay is reduced. This approach revolutionises neurosurgical procedures by prioritising precision and minimising invasiveness, ultimately improving patient outcomes and quality of life. The focus on minimal disruption showcases a progressive shift in medical interventions towards safer and more efficient practices."

Dr Kamal Verma, director of neurosurgery, Fortis Escorts Hospital, Faridabad, said brain tumour surgery is one of the most complicated surgical procedures which involves a high risk of major neurological deficit including paralysis and sometimes even coma.

"Modern neurosurgery including minimally invasive surgery is a very safe alternative to conventional open surgeries. Newer techniques like intra operative navigation and awake surgeries for brain tumour patients make these surgeries very safe both for the patient and the surgeon," he added. Explaining the modalities of the minimally invasive options, Verma said, "By employing intraoperative navigation, we can localise the site of the tumour exactly over the skin of the patient. The incision becomes very small and we enter the tumour from a very safe corridor which can be precisely planned before the surgery. Important structures of the brain which are responsible for major functions can be safely avoided by preoperative planning, employing neurosurgical navigation and real time navigation to visualise intraoperatively whether we are in the safe corridors or we are near some important structures." "Similarly, awake anesthesia helps us communicate with the patient during surgery. When the patient is awake during the surgery, we can give him simple tasks like speaking or do some work with his hands or feet so that any damage can be immediately taken care of. Because of smaller incisions and a shorter surgery, the recovery is very fast compared to the conventional open operations. Also, the blood loss is very less due to the minimal invasive technique of the surgery," he added.

"To summarise, minimal invasive technique and modern neurosurgical procedures help a lot in the safe surgery and good recovery of the patient from brain tumours," Verma said.



Smokers seeking to quit can now look for low-cost medications

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kozhikode

CYTISINE, a plant-based compound, increases the chances of successful smoking cessation by over two-fold compared with placebo and may be more effective than nicotine replacement therapy, a study has found.

In India, there are around 12 crore smokers based on the Global Adult Tobacco Survey India conducted during 2016-17. It adds that the average age of starting tobacco use in India is 18.7 years. At the same time, the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4) among 13-15 year olds found that 9.6% of boys and 7.4% of girls use tobacco. The survey also revealed that 38% of cigarette smokers, 47% of bidi smokers and 52% of smokeless tobacco users started using tobacco before age 10.

Cytisine, a low-cost, generic stop-smoking aid has been used in eastern Europe since the 1960s and has shown no serious safety concerns, the researchers said. However, the compound is not licensed or marketed in most countries outside central and eastern Europe, making it unavailable in most of the world, including many low- and middle-income (LAMI) countries where it could make a big difference to global health.

"For a person who has been smoking for a long period and in high quantities, it won't be easy to quit the addiction/habit. They may not be able to quit with their will power alone. It is here that medical intervention is required and is provided to them," said Dr Shameer VK, assistant professor, general medicine department, Government medical college, Kozhikode. The study, published in the journal Addiction, pooled the results of eight trials comparing cytisine with placebo, in nearly 6,000 patients. The combined results showed that cytisine increases the chances of successful smoking cessation by over two-fold compared with placebo, the researchers said. "Medical help given to patients usually involves giving an alternative to tobacco, like nicotine patch or chewing gum. The dose is gradually brought down and stopped over time in this method. This is generally costly. Another method is giving medicines to manage withdrawal symptoms, which is also not cheap. *(With inputs from agencies)*

MYTHS BUSTERS

Dr P S Shajahan
Clears myths on sleep apnea

Professor (pulmonary medicine) at Government TD Medical College, Alappuzha; vice-chairman of IMA research cell, Kerala

Myth: Loud snoring is harmless and is not a serious problem

Fact: There is a misconception that snoring is a sign of good sleep. It is actually a beginning of sleep-related breathing disorder owing to lack of enough oxygen supply to the brain. Loud snoring can be a sign of sleep apnea, a potentially serious sleep disorder that needs medical attention.

Myth: Sleep apnea is just a bad case of snoring

Fact: Sleep apnea involves repeated pauses in breathing during sleep, which can have serious health implications.

Myth: Sleep apnea only affects adults

Fact: Sleep apnea can occur at any age, including in children.

—COMPILED BY UNNIKRISHNAN S

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Registered Office: 12th Floor, Crompton Greaves House, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai-400030 CIN: U74999MH2015PTC264081 Telephone No.: +91 22 62580400

CORRIGENDUM

Corrigendum to Possession Notice dated July 8, 2022 issued by Yes Bank Ltd. published on July 15, 2022 in the newspapers, i.e., "The New Indian Express" and "Kannada Prabha" wherein the immovable properties (described below) mortgaged by M/s. Vyoma Enterprises and **M/s. Vyoma Associates** were inadvertently included the Possession Notice. Yes Bank Ltd. ("Assignor Bank") has absolutely assigned and transferred all the rights, title and interest in the financial assets pertaining to **Penguins Promo Products Private Limited ("Borrower")** together with the security created thereof in favor of J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. ("JCF ARC") vide Assignment Agreement executed on December 16, 2022.

All other contents of the notice shall remain unaltered and in effect.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The immovable property owned by M/s. Vyoma Enterprises – Partnership Firm

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Flat No. 001, Ground Floor, "JS GRANDE", Property bearing New Municipal No. 10, (Old No.15), No.77, Property ID No. 77-106-10, Sampangiramanagar, Poorna Prasad Road, Race Course Road, Ward, Bangalore – 560001 Extent/measurement : Measuring 5271 Sq. feet of super built up area. **Boundaries : North of :** Site No. 37, [New], Old No. Pr. No.10, **East of :** Site No. 11,[New], Old No. Pr. No. 16, **South of :** Road, **West of :** Site No. 9, [New], Old No. Pr. No. 14

Situate within the limits of Registration District of Bangalore together with all land and buildings standing thereon and also together with all structures, plant and machineries (present and future) installed therein.

The immovable property owned by M/s. Vyoma Associates – Partnership Firm

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Flat No. 101, First Floor, "JS GRANDE", Property bearing New Municipal No. 10, (Old No.15), No.77, Property ID No. 77-106-10, Sampangiramanagar, Poorna Prasad Road, Race Course Road, Ward, Bangalore – 560001 **Extent/measurement :** Measuring 2761 Sq. feet of super built up area. **Boundaries : North of :** Site No. 37, [New], Old No. Pr. No.10, **East of :** Site No. 11,[New], Old No. Pr. No. 16, **South of :** Road, **West of :** Site No. 9, [New], Old No. Pr. No. 14 Situate within the limits of Registration District of Bangalore together with all land and buildings standing thereon and also together with all structures, plant and machineries (present and future) installed therein.

Date: January 2nd, 2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru , Karnataka **J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.**
(acting in its capacity as trustee of JCF YES Trust 2022-23/1)

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.**, having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.17, 5th Cross, Vidyanagar, Next to Lark Hotel, Bommasandra, Bengaluru, Bommasandra Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **11-08-2023** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Rama Hi Power Tech, Site No.66, Segehalli Village, Magadi Main Road, Yeshwanthapura, Hobli, Bangalore - 562130. Also at, M/s. Rama Hi Power Tech, Plot No.345, KIADB, Sompura Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Nidavanda Post, Tyamagondalu, Hobli, Dabaspet, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore - 562132. No.2) Mr. S.N. Krishnaiah, S/o. Mr. Sreeram Narayanaiah, No.763, 5th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040. No.3) Mrs. Premaleela, W/o. S.N. Krishnaiah, No.763, 5th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040. No.4) Mr. S. Vinoth, S/o. Krishnaiah, No.763, 5th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040. No.5) Mr. S. Suresh, S/o. S.N. Krishnaiah, No.1051, Block 1, Prestige South Ridge, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore South - 560085. No.6) Mrs. S. Shoba, D/o. S.N. Krishnaiah, No. 764, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Vijaya Nagar, Bangalore - 560040** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.7,56,35,730/- (Rupees Seven Crore Fifty Six Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty only)** within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **02-08-2023** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 28th day of December 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.7,83,84,664/- (Rupees Seven Crore Eighty Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Four only)** and interest thereon from **03-11-2023** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : That our **333-Bengaluru-Bommasandra Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL - BR : 501812080093972) dated **29-10-2022** requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of you as Partners for which Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos.1 to 6 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.1,00,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-04-2023** and the outstanding balance as on **02-11-2023** is **Rs.56,19,590/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **03-11-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. S.N. Krishnaiah, S/o. Mr. Sreeram Narayanaiah)

All that piece and parcel of the Factory Vacant Land, bearing New Municipal No.10 (Old Site No.76), in Industrial Town, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore. Measuring : East to West 60 feet 6 inches, North to South 65 feet and having an Area of 436.94 sq.yard or 365 square meters bounded as follows : East by : Site bearing No.71, West by : Road, North by : Site bearing No.77, South by : Site bearing No 75. in the midst above said land.

Property - 2 : (Property Owned by Mr. S.N. Krishnaiah, S/o. Mr. Sreeram Narayanaiah)

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant building, New Municipal No.26, Old Site No.763, situated in Hosahalli, also called Vijayanagar Extension, Bangalore - 40. Measuring : 30 x 50¾ feet and measuring 9.14 x 15.47 meters. Total Area 141.4 square meters bounded as follows : East by : Building on Site No.764, West by : Hotel building on Site No. 762, North by : Road, South by : Building on Site No. 686. In the midst above said land.

Property - 3 : (Property Owned by M/s. Rama Hi Power Tech, Represented by Mr. S.N. Krishnaiah, Mrs. Premaleela, Mr. S. Suresh, Mr. S. Vinoth and Mrs. S. Shoba)

All that piece and parcel of land known as Plot No.345 of Sompura 1 Stage Industrial Area comprised in Survey Nos. Parts of 192 & 193 of Nidavanda Village, Sompura, Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore District, Containing by admeasurements 4050.00 square mtrs. bounded as follows : East by : Plot No.346, West by : Road No.344, North by : Plot No.331, South by : Road No.4. In the midst above said land.

Place : Bangalore. Date : 28-12-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES on 01-02-2024 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Lot NO.	1) Name of Borrower/ Name of the account 2) Name of the Branch: 3) A/c No. 4) IFSC Code.	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies))	A) Date Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount as on 30-11-2023 C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive	A) Reserve Price B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD) C) Bid Increase Amount D) EMD Amount (Earnest Money Deposit)	1. Date of Auction 2.Time of Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
01	1. MR. AKASH AJITKUMAR KUCHANUR & MRS. PRATIBHA AJITKUMAR KUCHANUR 2. BO: BIJAPUR-005500 3. Account No: 0055003171160 4. PUNB0005500	SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY Item No. 1: a)All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy No. 28/1, measuring 0-06 guntas Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore – 560090 Boundaries: North: Property in Sy No. 28/2, South: Government Road, East: Remaining Portion of Same Sy. No., West: Halla and land belonging to Subramani b)All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy No. 28/1, measuring 0-16 guntas Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore – 560090 Boundaries:North: Property in Sy No. 28/2, South: Government Road, East: Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 28/1, West: Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 28/1. Item No.2: a)All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy No. 28/2, measuring 1 acre 0-06 guntas at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore – 560090 Boundaries: North: Property of Chowdappa, South: Property in Sy. No. 28/1, East: Property in Sy. No. 28/4 West: Halla SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY 0.63 % Undivided right, title and interest in the schedule – A Property mentioned above which would work out to 464 square feet approximately of the Schedule – A Property. SCHEDULE - 'C' APARTMENT Apartment No. 810, on Eighth Floor, measuring Super Built Area of 1105 square feet in the Building "MAHAVEER DESIRE", constructed on the Schedule-A Property with the floors ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally, including common area with one Covered Car Parking Space bearing No. 810. The construction is Vitrified Flooring, Aluminum Windows and Teak Wood and Sai Wood frames and Doors, separate Electricity, Common Water, including Common Area rights and bounded on: North: Duct & Flat No. 808, South: Duct & Flat no. 812 East: Setback, West: Passage **PROPERTY OWNER: MR. AKASH AJITKUMAR KUCHANUR**	A) 03-05-2023 **B) Rs. 34,00,912/-** C) 09-08-2023 D) Symbolic	**A) RS. 42,00,000/-** B) 29-01-2024 C) Rs. 25,000/- D) Rs. 4,20,000/-	**1. 01.02.2024 2. 11.00A.M.**	NIL

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1. **The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions.**
   (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com/
   (2) The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"**
   (3) The particulars of secured assets specified in the schedule herein above have been stated to the best of information of the authorised officer but the authorised officer shall not be answerable for any error; misstatement is omission in this proclamation.
   (4) The sale will be done by the under signed through e auction platform provided at the website https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ on above mentioned dates
   (5) For details terms and conditions of the sale, please refer www.ibapi.in, www.tenders.gov.in, www.mstcecommerce.com, https://eprocure.gov/epublish/app

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Civilian awards

On this day in 1954, Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan, the highest civilian awards of India, were instituted

WHAT IT ENTAILS

The awards are presented by the President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. A certificate signed by the President and a medallion is issued, which can be worn at functions

DESIGN

The Bharat Ratna is in the shape of a peepal leaf with 'Bharat Ratna' inscribed in Devanagri script. The reverse side features 'Satyameva Jayate' in Hindi

NOMINATIONS

The Padma awards portal for nominations is open between May 1 and September 15 every year. The process is open to public

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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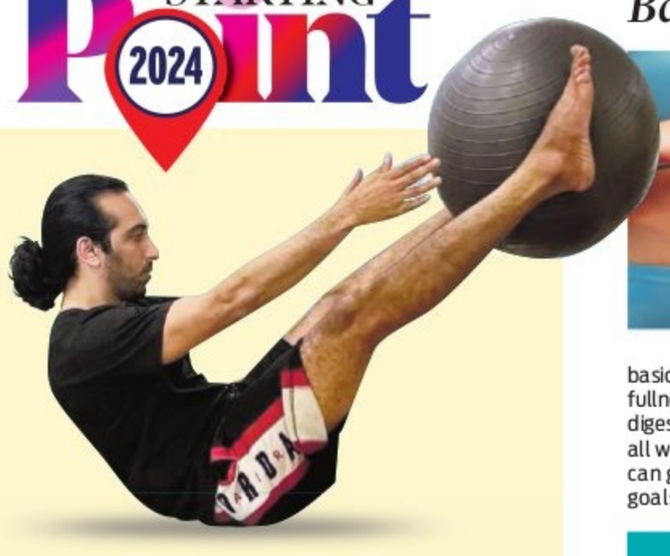
Biohacking and Wearable Technology

OVER the years, technology has been playing a crucial role in health and fitness, with devices like sleep trackers, heart rate monitors and more helping individuals keep track of crucial fitness stats and make informed decisions. In 2024, that trend is set to not only continue, rather wearable tech is poised to take centre stage. With advanced wearable tech getting ever cheaper, effective use of biohacking - tricks for enhancing the body's ability to function at peak performance - will be commonplace. It represents a shift towards personalised fitness, integrating genetic data and real-time biometric feedback while moving away from one-size-fits-all fitness solutions. "Biohacking strives to enhance overall well-being by optimising various facts of our lives, including nutrition, sleep, mental health, and gut health; individuals are increasingly mindful in selecting fitness practices that deliver optimal results. This intentional approach reflects a growing awareness of the importance of personalised and sustainable wellness strategies tailored to individual needs, rather than succumbing to one-size-fits-all trends," adds Kaveeta Prakash, founder & principal instructor, of Pilates for Wellbeing.

STARTING Point 2024



Holistic Fitness Approach

ANOTHER trend that is set to prevail this year is the holistic approach to fitness that blends physical and mental well-being. This moves beyond traditional workouts, focusing instead on an all-encompassing wellness strategy. Activities like yoga, and Pilates will become central. These practices not only improve physical strength and flexibility but also promote mental clarity and stress reduction. At the same time, this approach also involves accessibility, ensuring that individuals of varying levels of fitness can get started on a path towards a healthier lifestyle. Routines like High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), Functional Training, and Mindful Practices have become increasingly popular, and are likely to be attractive to more people in 2024. "HIIT are quick variations of intense exercise followed by short rest periods for effective results. These exercises require minimum space, and minimum technology, and are easy to practise from anywhere and hence cater to a wide range of preferences. Fitness is evolving into a more holistic practice, considering all aspects of health," says Kevin Lobo, a certified fitness coach and personal trainer.

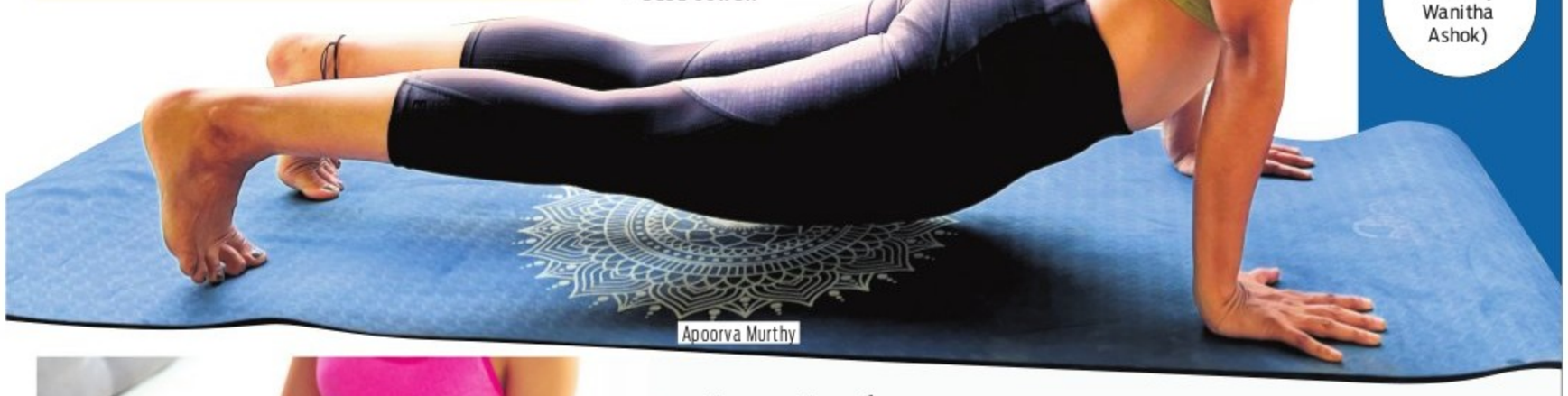
Back to Basics approach

AMONG the innumerable reasons behind the failure of New Year fitness resolutions is individuals' tendency to overlook the basics. This includes gut health, which plays a vital role in fitness and health. "Every bit of nutrition that your body gets goes through the gut. If you do not give enough care to your gut, whatever fitness regime you may try will inevitably crumble like a cookie," emphasises clinical nutritionist and author Gauravi Vinay. This back-to-basics approach with a focus on gut health, encourages awareness of hunger and fullness, promoting healthier eating habits. "It is as simple as working on a digestive system. So eating simpler foods makes your digestive system better. We all want to do a lot of things in life. But only if we get the basics right that we can get to the next step - optimising and maximising results based on your goals," she adds.

RECHARGE REBOOT, REPEAT

Personalised health strategies tailored to individual needs, increased integration of technology in fitness regimes and an emphasis on back to basics approach in nutrition... there are several trends that are likely to grip 2024

– DESE GOWDA



Apoorva Murthy

TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE FITNESS RESOLUTION

Enrol in a fitness regime that you will enjoy the most as this way the chances of being regular to workout are high. Music-based group classes are highly recommended as the group's enthusiasm, energy and music are fun and will keep you motivated

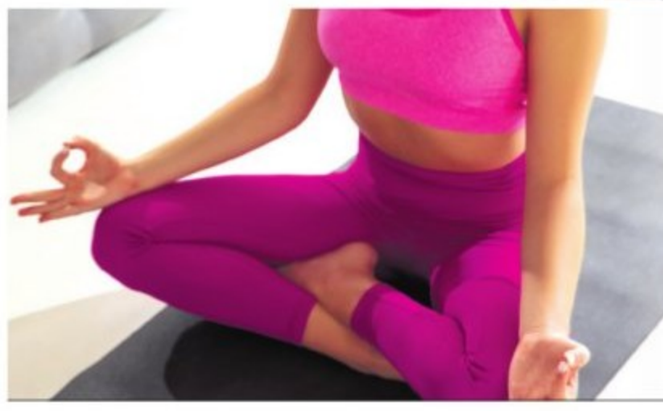
SET REALISTIC & ACHIEVABLE GOALS

Make one change at a time. Do not aim for full one-hour exercises. Start slow, take one step at a time, and allow your body to get used to the idea of exercising. Doing too much too soon will make you hate exercising.

DITCH THE ALL-OR-NONE ATTITUDE WHEN THERE IS A SETBACK. IT'S OKAY TO SKIP A WORKOUT

Weight loss is not achieved overnight. Have patience. Think health instead of weight loss. This way you will be committed to your workout routine.

(Contributed by Wanitha Ashok)



Anti-Ageing buzz

IN recent months, social media has been abuzz with its new-found love for anti-ageing and longevity fitness regimes. While the technology to drastically reduce the effects of ageing has existed for a while now, it is usually beyond the reach of individuals who don't have millions in disposable income. Yet, individuals and self-declared fitness experts have been coming up with new regimes that aim to emulate the rather expensive and often highly controversial anti-ageing procedures. Such regimes are expected to increase in popularity this year. However, such untested regimes may often fail to deliver the results and may also be counterproductive and dangerous. Dr Mythri Shankar, a nuclear medicine physician and author suggests an alternative that is both accessible and proven to deliver results. "For instance, keto diets can often deliver short results. But in the long run, such diets do more harm than good," she says, adding "I suggest a plant-based whole foods regimen. Avoid highly processed food, including commercially available meat. Instead, focus on a healthy nutritious diet with whole foods."

Threeory, the band behind the medley of the *Roja* songs during the entry of Ranbir Kapoor in the movie *Animal*, is still soaking in the success of the song, which is currently trending as reels and memes

The Viral Tune

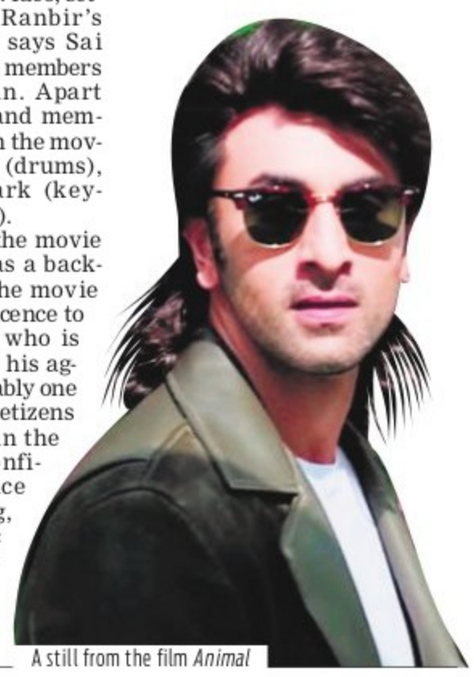
MONIKA MONALISA

SIX years back when Threeory, a progressive rock fusion music group from Hyderabad, met director Sandeep Reddy Vanga at the audio launch of *Arjun Reddy* where they got a chance to perform, they never imagined how their paths would cross again. However, it did. "Sometime later, he stumbled upon our rendition of *Roja* on YouTube. His call urging us to catch a flight to Mumbai for a shoot caught us completely off guard. We had no inkling of what lay ahead. The day before the shoot, he introduced us to Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna, unveiling his vision for Ranbir Kapoor's grand entrance. It was as if we were playing live from our video, setting the stage for Ranbir's graceful entrance," says Sai Datta, one of the band members who plays the violin. Apart from Datta, other band members who were seen in the movie are Tarun Vishal (drums), Along (guitar), Mark (keyboard), and Imti(bass).

The medley from the movie *Roja* which is used as a background score from the movie adds a tad bit of innocence to Kapoor's character, who is otherwise known for his aggressive nature. Probably one of the reasons why netizens love its positioning in the movie. "We were confident that the audience would adore the song, given its nostalgic charm and the infusion of Ranbir's charisma. However, the overwhelming love and recognition we've received have exceeded all our expectations. It feels incredibly surreal to witness this level of appreciation," says Mark.

It's been over six years since the band, which was in the city for a performance, first brought this piece to life, and the outpouring of love on Instagram and YouTube has been beyond words for them. "Seeing it featured in movies and celebrated in memes has been surreal. Within just 48 hours, it's skyrocketed to the top of trending lists on both platforms. It's an experience that's left us in awe, constantly glued to our phones," exclaims Mark.

One of the high points for the band during the shoot was meeting Kapoor, which they call one of the 'cherished memories'. "Ranbir, in the most humble manner, rose from his seat and introduced himself to us. We were utterly amazed, thinking, 'Did Ranbir Kapoor just introduce himself to us?' The shoot, spanning two days, was filled with us playing and Ranbir effortlessly grooving along. It was an absolute delight to witness," says Datta.



A still from the film *Animal*

Whether it's comic superheroes or the streets of Bengaluru, illustrators have created an array of artistic calendars and planners, each with its distinct charm

Creative companions

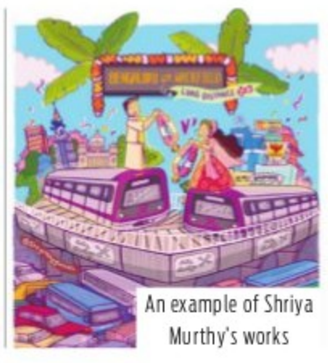
POOJA DAS

THE New Year brings with it a fresh start, and with it a hope for new beginnings. For some it's a time to start anew as they chart their future goals and what better way to organise than with a uniquely illustrated calendar or planner. Many look forward to starting their New Year journey with illustrator Alicia Souza's Ultimate Planner collection (₹2,399) every year. "The essence of the planner's layout remains the same as there are a large number of people who have been using it for years and have a certain way of organising based on the layout. The desk calendar features hand-painted illustrations. But the highlight of the calendar is the erasable section that can be wiped clean for quick notes," says Souza. Living in the city for over a decade now, most of her inspiration comes from her daily life and everyday happenings.

When it comes to representing the city's culture and day-to-day charm, Shriya Murthy, also known as @thegrittyglasses on Instagram has created a calendar showcasing her love for the city. "I really like bringing out the Kannada culture. It all started off with the feeling that there is a lack of merchandise that represents our city. You get a lot of things for Delhi and Mumbai but if it's Bengaluru, the representation is too mainstream, like it's just the autos or Vidhana Soudha. But there's more to the city than that," says Murthy, who is a software engineer by profession.

Alicia Souza

Murthy's calendar focuses on the city's landmarks, but she says it's not just about the buildings, adding, "Just buildings do not invoke any emotion. So, I also incorporate any conversations that could most probably happen." Some of the highlights of the calendar are illustrations of the city's favourite Corner House Ice Creams, Toit and events like the Metro connecting to Whitefield. "I wanted to show how long distance relationships can happen now," laughs Murthy.

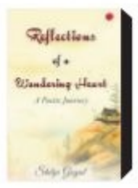


An example of Shriya Murthy's works

The city's illustrators have also created something for all the pet lovers out there. Illustrator Anjali Raj, creator of thecolourmaniac, found solace in art during challenging times. "This year, I wanted to do something out of my comfort zone with a 12-month calendar and planner. It's called the Cute Catto calendar (₹879) which is inspired by my own kitten, Momo, who I had to part ways with because I had to come back to Bengaluru after the pandemic which was heartbreaking for me," shares Raj. Vijaya Aswani, the face behind @spreefirit, has created her 2023 calendar Soul Twins who wanted to show the deep bond between people and their pets. "My dog Zac is literally like my soulmate. So, I wanted to represent the 12 months with different people and their pets. So if it's a Peacock, there is a Bharatnatyam dancer doing a peacock mudra," says Aswani.

For those looking for a quirky twist to their calendars, Bhaghya Babu (@awkwerrrrrd) has illustrated a comic calendar Into the Awkwerrrd Universe, exploring what happens when superheroes from various universes land in Kerala. "Every month, there is a superhero like Minal Murali who is Kerala's first superhero, Iron Man from the MCU, and many more," says Babu.

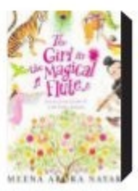
BOOK NOOK



Reflections of a Wandering Heart: A Poetic Journey

By Shilpi Goyal

The book is a poetic expression that makes you do some soul searching and introspection. It attempts at giving a conscious look at the little treasures that we carry within ourselves.



The Girl in the Magical Flute: Stories from Myths and Folktales of India

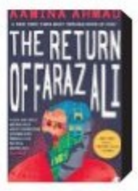
By Meena Arora Nayak

It gives classic folktales and lore from India (and beyond). Sourced from classical religious texts such as the Ramayana, the Quran, and the Bible, and from oral traditions, including those of the Ho, Munda, and Khasi tribes.

Following A Prayer: A Novel

By Sundar Sarukkai

Set in rural Karnataka, Following A Prayer tells the story of three young, inquisitive girls and the one day that changes their lives forever.



The Return Of Faraz Ali

By Aamina Ahmad

As the city assails him with a jumble of memories, the protagonist cannot stop asking questions or winding through the walled city's labyrinthine alleyways chasing the secrets—his family's and his own.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Classical Elegance

Don't miss the performances by Bharatanatyam artistes, at this event titled Blend, where stories are expressed through distinct choreographic techniques. Witness the perfect blend of heritage and avant-garde.

When: Jan 4, 7pm **Where:** Medai – The Stage, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Sufi Night

Gear up for a peaceful escape this week with some soothing tunes from Mannat The Band, creating an atmosphere of Sufi vibes.

When: Jan 3, 8.30pm **Where:** Tudum, Vasanth Nagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Theatre Haven

Experience the play *Court Martial* directed by Ashish Rana, featuring artistes Pratik Radder and Monish Naidu. It is about a disciplined soldier who faces a court martial for shocking actions and challenging beliefs.

When: Jan 3, 7.30pm **Where:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Weekday Groove

Enjoy a ladies' night with DJ Savanth's music and unlimited drinks for a midweek celebration.

When: Jan 3, 11pm **Where:** Loft 38, Indiranagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Power of Words

Be a part of this gathering of poets and enthusiasts celebrating the spoken word. Delve into human emotions through poetry.

When: Jan 2, 7.30pm **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Comedy Night

Go to this standup comedy open mic where comedians try new and old jokes. Featured artistes are Kjeld Sreshth, Shankar Chugani, and more.

When: Jan 2, 8.30pm **Where:** Glens BakeHouse, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

FAMILY-FRIENDLY HUMOUR

A still from the play *Super Samsara* staged at ADA Rangamandira, JC Road on Saturday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

APPLE CRUMBLE

Contributed by **Gopika Sidharthan,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Apple (peeled, cored, and sliced):** 1 medium-sized
- **Granulated sugar:** 1 tbsp
- **Rolled oats:** 1 tbsp
- **All-purpose flour:** 2 tbsp
- **Lemon juice:** 1/2 tsp
- **Brown sugar:** 1 tbsp
- **Ground cinnamon:** 1/4 tsp
- **Unsalted butter (cold, diced):** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- In a bowl, combine the sliced apple, granulated sugar, cinnamon, and lemon juice. Toss until the apple slices are evenly coated.
- Place the seasoned apple in a ramekin or small oven-safe dish.
- In another bowl, mix the flour, rolled oats, and brown sugar. Add the cold diced butter and rub the ingredients together until you get a crumbly texture.
- Sprinkle the crumble mixture evenly over the apples in the ramekin.
- Place the ramekin on a baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes or until the crumble topping is golden brown, and the apples are tender.
- Allow it to cool for a few minutes before serving. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PRAPADA ANJANEYASANA

(TIP TOE SON OF ANJANAI LUNGE POSE)

The asana is named after Anjani, the mother of the Hindu god, Hanuman, who is a central figure in the epic Ramayana, and is Ram's aide. It is similar to The Crescent Pose and Ardha Chandrasana.

STEPS

- Come into the Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward Dog Pose). Exhale and place your right foot in front, just beside your right hand.
- Gently lower the left knee, placing it on the floor. Inhale and lift your torso. Raise your arms above your head, such that your biceps are next to your ears.
- Exhale. Let your hips settle down and forward, keeping your front heel off the floor, back knee down, back toes curled in, arms shoulder width apart, fingertips up to the sky.
- Stretch your tailbone towards the ground. Extend your lower back as you engage your spine.
- Stretch your arms further behind. Look ahead as you move into the mild backbend.
- Make sure that your body is balanced on the toes. Hold the pose for a few seconds or a minute.
- Release and move into Adho Mukha Svanasana.
- Repeat the pose with your left leg forward.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the hip flexors and strengthens hip extensors.
- Strengthens the quadriceps, gluteus maximus, and hamstrings.
- Stretches front ankle and strengthens calf muscles.
- Engages the deep core muscles, which help create stability.
- Helps alleviate pain caused by sciatica.
- Helps build strength in the arms, shoulders and back.
- Helps stimulate the digestive and reproductive organs.

LIMITATIONS

People with injury to the lower back, quadriceps, groin, knees, hips or spine, have BP or problems in heart and lifting arms, or recent hip replacement avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹ 199/month
Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹ 999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹ 299/month
Aha:	₹ 699/year
SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

REGIONAL

MAST MEIN REHNE KA (Hindi)

A man chooses an old widower's home for his robbery, kicking off a set of events that have them both look at life with new comapnions.

Cast: Jackie Shroff, Neena Gupta, Monika Panwar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

DHAK DHAK (Hindi)

On the trip of a lifetime, four women set out on motorbikes from New Delhi to the highest mountain pass in the world, in Ladakh.

Cast: Dia Mirza, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Ratna Pathak Shah

- **Watch on:** Netflix

LABEL (Tamil)

The story revolves around the protagonist's struggle to reach his desired identity and overcoming the identity society has labelled him with.

Cast: Jai, Tanya Hope, Mahendran

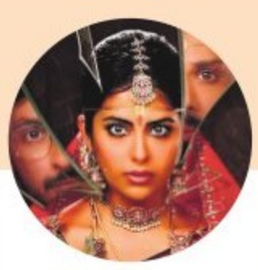
- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

JAPAN (Telugu)

A daring robbery in a jewellery showroom kickstarts the hunt for Japan, a notorious robber, who is a law unto himself.

Cast: Anu Emmanuel, Karthi, Sunil

- **Watch on:** Netflix



VADHUVU (Telugu)

Anjuri Indu's marriage gets cancelled as her sister elopes with her fiancé. After a year, Indu marries Anand. The marriage is not a smooth affair as someone tries to stop the wedding. What experiences did Indu face in her in-laws' house?

Cast: Avika Gor, Ali Reza

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DRY DAY (Hindi)

The film revolves around three friends and their exploits on a dry day after one of them breaks up with his girlfriend.

Cast: Jitendra Kumar, Annu Kapoor, Shriya Pilgaonkar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE FAMILY PLAN (English)

Dan Morgan is a devoted husband, a loving father, a celebrated car salesman. He's also a former assassin. When his past catches up to his present, he's forced to take his unsuspecting family on a road trip unlike any other.

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Monaghan, Maggie Q

- **Watch on:** Apple TV

KEVIN HART & CHRIS ROCK: HEADLINERS ONLY (English)

A documentary that explores the careers and friendships of the two comedy icons. A unique behind-the-scenes look at their time spent touring together.

Cast: Jerry Seinfeld, Tiffany Haddish, Wanda Sykes, Bill Burr, Dave Chappelle.

- **Watch on:** Netflix

CHRISTMAS AS USUAL (Norwegian)

Thea is going to celebrate Christmas with her family, but this year she's bringing along Jashan, her Indian boyfriend, putting everyone's preconceived beliefs and traditions on their heads.

Cast: Ida Ursin-Holm, Kannan Gill, Marit Andreassen

- **Watch on:** Netflix

CANDY CANE LANE (English)

A comedy adventure about a man on a mission to win his neighbourhood's Christmas home decoration contest and makes a deal with a mischievous elf that brings the 12 Days of Christmas to life.

Cast: Eddie Murphy, Tracee Ellis Ross, Jillian Bell

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SPECS
Engine capacity: 452cc
Transmission: 6-speed manual
Kerb weight : 196kg
Fuel tank capacity: 17 litre
Seat height: 825mm
Max power: 39.47bhp

First impressions of Himalayan 450, the latest in Royal Enfield's line of rides for adventurers

HEAVY METTLE

ANILKUMAR T

I vividly recall the awe-inspiring sight of the majestic head and enormous ears as I was granted the unique opportunity to sit atop a tusker during a temple festival in Palakkad nearly 15 years ago. The experience left an indelible mark, and recently, a similar sense of awe struck me when I first sat on the new Royal Enfield Himalayan 450.

The sturdy design and robust presence of the bike's heavy tank unmistakably resembled that of an elephant's tusk, evoking a reminiscent feeling of that memorable temple festival encounter.

The recently launched Royal Enfield Himalayan 450 has not only astonished fans of RE's adventure bikes with its striking design but also promises a more comfortable, better-engineered, and thoroughly enjoyable riding experience.

After riding the new adventurous bike for more than two days through rough roads and long highways, my experience with the machine is satisfying compared to the Himalayan 411. With a 452cc single engine, the machine provides ample torque and effortless acceleration to reach top speed.

The standout feature that attracted me was the stability that the engine offered on the road. Even while juggling a speed of 100 kmph, it ensured a smooth ride. Suspension of the vehicle is another important feature, as it offers better stability while manoeuvring potholes and speedbreakers.

Even the pillion rider was able to sit comfortably due to the powerful suspension it offered. Since RE has brought improvements to the brakes, one can confidently apply them during off-road rides as well.

RE's integration with modern technology, as introduced in the Super Meteor 650, is another added advantage of the motorcycle. The large round TFT digital instrument cluster offers navigation via phone mirroring. Apart from the speed, gear indicator, trip details, and fuel data, instrument can be controlled using the joystick connected to the handlebar.

Since the Himalayan 450 is equipped with an LED lamp, it offers excellent visibility in the dark. Even I felt the light travelling down the road from the bike was a bit high.

Even though the bike has a weight of 196 kg, it feels lighter once you start the ride. The turning radius is excellent, as we can easily manoeuvre any short road with its long handle.

The bike, which comes with a tank capacity of 17 litres, also offers a mileage of 26 on the roads, mixed with long and short roads.

The Himalayan is launched with a robust lineup comprising 3 distinct variants: Base, Pass, and Summit, and a palette of 5 colours inspired by the elements of the Himalayas: Kaza Brown (base variant), Slate series comprising Poppy Blue and Himalayan Salt (pass-mid variant), and Hanle Black and Kamet White (summit-top variant). In India, the Himalayan will be available at a special introductory price of ₹2,69,000 until December 31, 2023.

However, the biggest disadvantage noticed is the heat from the engine as it was unbearable in slow-moving traffic. Another unpleasant experience was the exhaust noise, as it lacks the base sound the company provided in Himalayan 411. The sound likely resembles that of a Duke bike.

Even though RE has managed to come up with a sleek design, the adjustable seat is a bit uncomfortable. Only a person with 5.7 feet of height can easily take control of the vehicle.

Another disadvantage noticed is the integrated brake light cum indicator. Since it's designed to ride at high altitude, damage may be a common occurrence, and if something happens to the sleek indicator, the brake light won't work.

The motorcycle effortlessly adapts to various terrains, making it an ideal companion for both seasoned adventurers and riders new to the off-road experience.

Undoubtedly, the Royal Enfield Himalayan 450's engineering prowess is poised to satisfy high-altitude explorers, even with its single-engine configuration. With more power and torque, it gives excellent low-rpm performance with Royal Enfield's first liquid-cooled engine, the new 452cc Sherpa. Improved power, along with a new six-speed gearbox and a ride-by-wire feature, offers optimum delivery of power and torque for challenging terrains.

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

Wheeling into a New Year

New models, upgrades, and more. *CE* looks at what's in store for petrolheads

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

THE advent of a New Year means a lot of things. For petrolheads, it also means the arrival of new car models. What perhaps plagued 2023 was the extensive booking periods. As new models debut in the upcoming year, a potential shift in booking preferences may reduce the waiting time for current models.

This suggests that 2024 will be favourable for those who have pre-booked current models and for those interested in exploring the latest offerings. Here's a glimpse at some of the anticipated models for next year. Note that this list is not exhaustive, as market dynamics and company strategies are influenced by various factors.

KIA Sonet: The pricing and market launch of the recently unveiled Sonet facelift are slated for early next year. It will feature design updates and an advanced driver assist system. A manual transmission option for the diesel model will also be available.

TATA Curvv: This coupe-shaped SUV is expected to launch initially as an electric model, followed by a petrol-diesel version. Positioned above the Nexon in size, amenities, and price, the Curvv concept boasts sharp styling with minimalist, futuristic elements, part of Tata's 'new digital design language' that will be evident in future SUVs.

Hyundai Creta: The facelifted mid-size SUV is set to arrive in early 2024. It will likely include

1.5-litre petrol and diesel engines, with the addition of a 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine. Enhancements in ADAS and high-tech infotainment features are also anticipated.

Maruti Swift: Unveiled at the 2023 Japanese Mobility Show, the next-generation Maruti Suzuki Swift showcases an evolutionary design with numerous technological upgrades inside and out. It will feature a new 1.2-litre 3-cylinder petrol engine, along with improvements in appearance and amenities. This will be the fourth-generation Swift in India.

Mahindra Thar 5-Door and XUV 300: The iconic Thar SUV will now be available in a 5-door version, offering easier access to both rows of seats. Meanwhile, the upcoming XUV300 facelift is expected to include a turbo petrol engine with a torque converter automatic transmission.

Next year will likely see facelifts of various models, including sedans. Surprises from brands like Citroen are also possible. The Maruti Suzuki-Toyota collaboration is set to continue introducing diverse models.

NEW RELEASES

Yamaha launches R3, MT-03 in India

R3 and MT-03 are the latest in Yamaha's portfolio in India. The two models boast a powerful 321cc liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, in-line two-cylinder, DOHC and 4-valve per cylinder fuel injected engine that produces 30.9 kW (42 PS) at 10,750rpm of maximum power and 29.5Nm (3 kg-m) at 9,000rpm of maximum torque. The models will be imported as CBUs and sold through select Blue Square showrooms. Ex-showroom prices (Delhi) of R3 (Icon Blue & Yamaha Black) and MT-03 (Midnight Cyan & Midnight Black) are ₹4,64,900 and ₹4,59,900, respectively.

Remembering the man through his written word

MONIKA MONALISA

IT was Karnataka's Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 119th birthday on Dec 29, and singer **MD Pallavi** could not have thought of a better tribute. The singer's latest song *O Nanna Chetana*, an adaptation of the poem of the same name by one of Kannada's foremost modern lyric poets' Kuvempu was her humble way of celebrating his birthday.

The song is composed by Pallavi and arranged by Apoorva Krishna, violinist and composer. "This poem is a favourite of mine. I have always wanted to give it my flavour and my interpretation. I have been working on a series of songs like this, which I composed. I'm trying to collaborate with artistes who I liked, who I want to work with," says Pallavi, about the song translated by Maithreyi Karnoor.

O Nanna Chetana is a call for freedom from everything that binds the mind and body. The poem urges the spirit to go beyond forms, identities, and philosophies and transcend all boundaries. One of the reasons why people go back to Kuvempu's poems or writing is because of his relevance. "I think they are relevant in today's world. The kind of frenzy that the world is going into with so much unrest, discrimination and inequality...and then you look at the lyrics that he has given and its meaning and the direction one can be on," says Pallavi.

This is the second song in a series of Bhavageethe that Pallavi has composed for. "Apoorva and I worked together on a project two years ago. I immediately wanted to work with her on a project that I was doing. She readily accepted it," she says.

OF RESOLUTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

IN many of the Indian regional calendars, the advent of the New Year is tied to some celestial event or the other, and with that event signifying the end of a cycle and the beginning of a new one, the celebrations also encourage the symbolic closure of the old and making something new. Food is cooked with a fresh harvest, for example, while the day before the New Year, unusable things are discarded or even burned. The first of January typically has no such celestial linkage, and yet, we typically use the symbolism of the new year to check in on where we are, who with and what we need for ourselves and each other.

There are few places in our lives that we need it as much as we do in our lives as we do in love and relationships, but it is rarely the space that any new year resolution addresses. The top five New Year resolutions across a wide range of people tend to be about physical health such as eating right, exercising right and getting fitter, or about financial health as in earning more or saving and investing more, or maybe a little about general well being such as learning something new, or being more social, and maybe even personal mental health like practising mindfulness or meditation.

Few people make and follow through on New Year resolutions related to love and relationships, not counting wishful fantasies like, 'This year, I'll fall in love', or 'By June, I will be married come what may'. What we are talking about is to think about how we are, how we are in a relationship and how we love significant others and ourselves.

If we ask each partner to write out a set of resolutions for the other so that they can be happier together, it might not be a very difficult task at all, but to look at oneself and ask what one should change so that there is greater happiness – that takes a fair bit of humility and personal accountability. It is hard for us to really admit to ourselves that we are the problem and that we can do better. Even when we see ourselves as problematic, oftentimes we find it easier to either walk away even from the relationship, or just gloss over the issue rather than take responsibility.

We first need clarity on what's going on in one's loving relationships and how we are contributing to the challenges in it, then to see what we can really take accountability for and change ourselves. It can't be an if-then construct that demands the other changes as well as a precondition to one's own change. It has to be pretty much unilateral change in one's own.

Go on and check in on how you are in your relationship and how you love. Maybe you might find you could be kinder, or admit that at times you gaslight a partner, or are not really as authentic as your partner might wish. Maybe it is a simple change like ensuring you'll check-in with your partner at least twice a day, or say 'I love you', a couple of times a week.

What resolution would you make about yourself for the sake of a greater experience in your relationship?

(The writer's views are his own)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **SANJESH (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, S/O BHAWARLAL, RESIDING AT NO 25, FLAT NO 203, SANKESHWARA ENCLAVE, 5th MAIN, K. G. NAGAR, SHANKARPURAM, BENGALURU 560019, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SANJESH BHAWARLAL JAIN (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 27/DEC/2023, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY S. I. BALAGURU BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIPUL BHAT (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, S/O KUNDANMAL BHATT, RESIDING AT NO 8, 3rd FLOOR, 3rd MAIN ROAD, L. N. PURAM, SRIRAMPURAM, BENGALURU 560021, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **VIPUL BHATT (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 26/DEC/2023, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LOKESHANAIK DODDAMANI MUNGLA NAIK (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS, S/O MUNGLA NAIK DODDAMANI, RESIDING AT NO 33, 2ND FLOOR, 2ND MAIN, 3RD CROSS, TIMMENAHALLI, GOVINDARAJANAGARA, BENGALURU 560040, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **LOKESH NAIK DODDAMANI MUNGLA NAIK (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 29/DEC/2023, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY S.I. BALAGURU BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVINDER KAUR,** D/o. Mr. Malkit Singh, Resident of RTO Building, Behind SBI Bank, Ward No. 06, Barbil District, Keonjhar, Odisha - 758035, India, Now at R/a Bengaluru, have changed my name from **RAVINDER KAUR** to **RAVIINDER MKAUR**, Vide affidavit dated: 27.12.2023 before notary **SHAIK MAHABOOB**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME)ADDANKI ANNAPURNA,** Spouse of NO 15333978A HAV NAGARAJU GURRAM, Residing at House NO. 3- 186, Chinapulivarru, (Vill & Post), Tenali (Tk), Guntur (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 522257, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GURRAM ANNAPURNA,** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RATNAPRABHA M MARINAIK,** Spouse of NO 16117669A NK MALLIKARJUN MARINAIK, Residing at Yellimunnoli (Vill), Hukkeri (TK), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591309, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RATNAPRABHA MALLIKARJUN MARINAIK,** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N, BANGALORE.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SATISH KUMAR GOPALKRISHNA SETTY,** age 62 years, S/o H.S. Gopalakrishna Setty, R/at No. 245/21, 6th Cross, 8th Main, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 011 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KUMAR GOPALAKRISHNA SATISH** and **SATISH KUMAR GOPALAKRISHNA SETTY** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 11th Dec. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATI VENKATRAMAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MADHUSOODAN PRABHU,** aged 61 years, S/o. **Radhakrishna Prabhu,** residing of No. 73, 1st Main Road, Manasanagar, Nagarabhavi Circle, Teacher's Colony, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my name from **MADUSOODAN PRABHU NAIKANKATTE** to **MADHUSOODAN PRABHU** vide affidavit dated 16-11-2023 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GEETA BHAT (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS, W/O VIPUL BHATT, RESIDING AT NO 8, 3rd FLOOR, 3rd MAIN ROAD, L. N. PURAM, SRIRAMPURAM, BENGALURU 560021, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **GEETA BHATT (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 26/DEC/2023, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY B. V. NAGABHUSHANA BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIKAS BHATT (OLD NAME),** AGED 41 YEARS, S/O KUNDANMAL BHATT, RESIDING AT NO 8, 3RD FLOOR, 3RD MAIN ROAD, L. N. PURAM, SRIRAMPURAM, BENGALURU 560021, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **VIKASH BHATT (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 26/DEC/2023, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY B. V. NAGABHUSHANA BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Meeta Bhandari W/o Rajesh Kumar Jain, aged about 43 years, R/at Kathik Mansion, 4th floor, Nagarthpet main road, Bengaluru-560002.
Hereby I have declared that **MEETA JAIN, MEETA & MEETA BHANDARI** are the names pertaining to me only.
Vide affidavit dated : 11.12.2023.
Sworn before notary: Vani G.K

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. SRIPRIYA GOVINDARAJAN,** D/o. R. Govindarajan, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 318, 4th Main Road, Canara Bank Layout, Kodigehalli, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru - 560 097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SRIPRIYA** to **SRIPRIYA GOVINDARAJAN** (Given name: **SRIPRIYA** and Surname: **GOVINDARAJAN**) vide affidavit dated 01.01.2024 sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. 16117669A NK MALLIKARJUN MARINAIK, Residing at Yellimunnoli (Vill), Hukkeri (TK), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591309. Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) KISHORE** to **(NEW NAME) KISHOR MALLIKARJUN MARINAIK,** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DINESH KUMAR,** age 50, R/at C-304, Shriram Sahana Apartment, Doddaballapur Road, Opp. to BMSIT College, Yelahanka, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064 do hereby I have changed my minor child name from **SHAIVI** to **SHAIVI KUMAR,** henceforth the minor shall be known and called as **SHAIVI KUMAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28th Dec. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHRAVAN SATISH PALYAM,** age 32 years, S/o Sri Satish Kumar Gopalakrishna Setty, R/at No. 245/21, 6th Cross, 8th Main, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 011 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **SHRAVAN SATISH PALYAM, SHRAVAN S PALYAM** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 11th Dec. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATI VENKATRAMAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANTHI MADHUSOODAN PRABHU,** aged 57 years, W/o. Madhusoodan Prabhu, residing of No. 73, 1st Main Road, Manasanagar, Nagarabhavi Circle, Teacher's Colony, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my name from **SHANTHI PRABHU** to **SHANTHI MADHUSOODAN PRABHU** vide affidavit dated 16-11-2023 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

Nagashekar, who along with the team returned after shooting crucial scenes in Switzerland, says

'Sanju Weds Geetha 2 is more splendid than the previous one'

Rachita Ram and Srinagar Kitty

CE FEATURES

Director Nagashekar, who commenced shooting for *Sanju Weds Geetha 2* four months ago, travelled recently to Switzerland along with the team, where they shot the crucial portions and two songs in the stunning backdrop of picturesque landscapes. These numbers will most likely feature in the second half of the romantic drama. Reflecting on his experience shooting in the Alps for *Sanju Weds Geetha 2*, Nagashekar shares, "The film appears more splendid and grand compared to the previous one." He also praised lead actors, Srinagar Kitty and Rachita Ram, stating that both have perfected their respective characters.

While Kitty shared a few words about the film, actor Rachita Ram highlighted the multifaceted nature of her role as Geetha and acknowledged the blend of joy and challenges brought by the film. "We shot during the winter season. No matter what Nagashekar does, he plans it meticulously. Nature also supported us greatly. The two songs we shot there have turned out exceptionally well, and Satya Hegde has impeccably captured it," added the actor.

The film, produced by Chalapathy Kumar in collaboration with Nagashekar Movies, Pavithra International Movies, and Mahaanandi Creations, features Sadhu Kokila and Rangayana Raghu in special roles. Sridhar V Sambhram has composed the music for the film. The team is set to resume shooting in Mumbai and Hyderabad soon. The team plans to release *Sanju Weds Geetha 2* on April 1.

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Rachita Ram, actor

Case of Kondana sets a release date

CE FEATURES

Case of Kondanda, director Deviprasad Shetty's second collaboration with actor Vijay Raghavendra, is set to hit theatres on January 26. The makers made this official announcement while releasing a still featuring the actor alongside Bhavana. This is Bhavana's second film with VIjay after Tharun Kishore Sudhir's *Chowka*. The screenplay is co-written by Deviprasad Shetty and Satvik Hebbar.

The film, set in Bengaluru, begins with three stories that eventually converge, teasing the connections between them. "Eighty percent of the film is set during one night at a fictional place named Kondana in Bengaluru. The events of that night, taking place in this mythical setting, promise answers to many questions," says the director, adding, "Vijay Raghavendra appears in a never-before-seen role portraying emotions, crime, action, and engaging the audience in this narrative."

Case of Kondana, which has a hyperlink narrative, also stars Khushi Ravi and Rangayana Raghu among others in pivotal roles. The film has music by Gagan Baderiya, cinematography by Vishwanath Rao, and art direction by Bhavani Shankar.

A still from the film

A still from the film

Kichcha Sudeep's *Max* gets into the final phase of shooting

The film directed by Vijay Karthikeyan, will be wrapped with an action-packed climax sequence

A SHARADHAA

Kichcha Sudeep's highly anticipated multilingual project, *Max*, which marks Vijay Karthikeyan's directorial debut has entered its final shooting phase. The film is set to be wrapped up with the climax portions resuming today in Chennai.

The makers have planned a high-octane stunt sequence choreographed by Chethan D Souza, and the team aims to complete the shoot by February 10. With Sudeep leading *Max*, the film has Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, reuniting with Sudeep after Manikya. The film also stars Samyuktha Hornad, Sukratha Wagle, and Anirudh Bhat.

Max, produced by Kalaipuli S Thanu's V Creations, has Shivakumar as the art director, Ajaneesh B Loknath as the music director, and Shekar Chandra as the cinematographer. Sources hint at an April 2024 theatrical release, with ongoing post-production work and the dubbing status.

While hosting 'Bigg Boss Season 10,' Sudeep has a film with Tamil director Cheran. Srinidhi Shetty of *KGF* fame joins Sudeep in this upcoming venture, slated to begin production this year.

Aravind Iyer, Siri Ravikumar team up for Arvind Sastry's *Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream*

CE FEATURES

Arvind Sastry, known for directing *Kahi* (2016), which won a State award for its original screenplay, and *Alidu Ulidavaru* (2019), is now helming a crime comedy romance titled *Bisi-Bisi Ice-Cream*. The movie stars Aravind Iyer as a cab driver, Siri Ravikumar as the female lead, and Gopalkrishna Deshpande in a pivotal role. The storyline follows a mysterious woman who enters the life of a depressed, heartbroken, lovelorn, and ailing cab driver, becoming both a cure for his miseries and the start of many adventures. The makers have finished shooting and just started post-production.

Arvind Sastry not only directs but has also penned the story and edited the film. Boiled Beans presents the movie, produced by Akshara Bharadwaj, who also contributes to costume design. The film's music is scored by Nakul Abhyankar while Enosh Olivera handles the cinematography. Shreyank Nanjappa manages the sound mixing, while Suresh Bagali takes care of the sound recording.

Arvind Sastry

Siri Ravikumar

Aravind Iyer

'IN *MERRY CHRISTMAS*, THE PLOT SERVES THE ROMANCE'

Director Sriram Raghavan talks about book adaptations, the fresh pairing of Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi and the ordeal of shooting in two languages

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

Sriram Raghavan won't reveal the title of the novel his upcoming film *Merry Christmas* has been adapted from. He has bought multiple copies of the book online, maybe to guard the story, similar to something Alfred Hitchcock did back in 1959. Hitchcock, while making *Psycho* (1960), had bought all published copies of the Robert Bloch book on which the film was based, in order to keep the plot twists under wraps. "He bought like five thousand copies," says Raghavan. "I bought only three or four that were available online. But it was only to gift it to my friends after the film's release. Nothing more than that."

On a sunny Mumbai afternoon, we sit with the director for an interview in the office of Matchbox Pictures, the production house behind Merry Christmas. Raghavan is relaxed and chatty but looks at you with a pensive gaze, searching for plot holes. Books are something the director's work constantly revolves around. There is almost always a shot of a character leafing through the pages of a potboiler in a Raghavan thriller. His filmography consists of adaptations and influences from various noir novels. Ek Hasina Thi (2004) had elements from Sidney Sheldon's If Tomorrow Comes, Johnny Gaddaar (2007) was adapted from the 1962 French novel Les mystifies and 2015's *Badlapur* was based on the Italian revenge-drama book Death's Dark Abyss. He has previously stated that he finds adapting books to be easier than coming up with an original story. "I started reading Massimo Carlotto's book (on which Badlapur is based) after Agent Vinod (2012) had not done well. After the 14th page or so, I stopped reading and tried to write what I thought could happen further. But it was all typical stuff. When I finally read the whole book, it touched me. But I had to keep away the book's structure and come up with a plot structure for the film. That surely takes time."

A still from the film

Merry Christmas is coming six years after Raghavan's last release Andhadhun (2018). Even in the director's bleak worlds of killing and betrayal, love somewhere finds a small spot. His FTII diploma short, The Eight Column Affair (1987), although a fever dream of a film, is about a runner trying to find his lover before time runs out. Usually, romance takes a side seat in Raghavan's films once the plot kicks in but the trailer of Merry Christmas seems to indicate that love might just be at the centre of it all. "It does have a very strong romance angle, maybe stronger than my earlier films," he says. "In Andhadhun, the romance served the plot but here the plot will serve the romance. But it won't be an easy one, since we have two people constantly trying to hide secrets."

Sriram Raghavan

The film offers a novel pairing of Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi. Raghavan shares that Katrina met him before the release of Andhadhun. "She wanted to do something completely out of her zone. I was supposed to work on Ikkis actually, but then its production kept getting pushed because of logistical issues. I always had the story of Merry Christmas in mind and when I narrated it to her, she loved it," he says. The director said that he watched Premkumar C's 2018 romantic film 96, starring Vijay Sethupathi and Trisha Krishnan, on a flight to attend a film festival in Melbourne. "I met Vijay there and felt like the universe was trying to tell me something. He has such a persona that he can be put in any film. He is more of an actor than a star," he says. "I needed a fresh pairing, so Vijay and Katrina fit perfectly."

Merry Christmas is shot in two languages: Hindi and Tamil, with different trailers and different sets of supporting actors. The Hindi version has Sanjay Kapoor, Vinay Pathak, Pratima Kazmi and Tinnu Anand, while the Tamil one has Radhika Sarathkumar, Gayathrie and Shanmugarajan amongst others. We ask him what prompted the decision to shoot the film in different languages. "Sometimes, you just want to torture yourself," says Raghavan,